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Mount Woo

Mount Woo to be Destroyed

Jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

You've probably seen it. It's a hard site to miss, a monumental mound of dirt that mysteriously appeared on campus this semester. Dubbed "Mount Woo" by some, this now common sight on the campus of Worcester State College will have a short life.

Mount Woo is the byproduct of the recent construction that has occurred on lower campus. It is the remains of the section of the hill that was dug out to make way for a parking garage next year,

The Voice recently interviewed Kaine Thompson, Director of Public Relations & Marketing at Worcester State, inquiring about the reasons why Mount Woo was there. According to Thompson, the dirt is being used to fill in behind the retaining walls on the perimeter of the parking garage construction. The extra dirt, some 3,000 – 5,000 cubic yards, will be removed from campus by mid-November.

Construction on the parking garage is scheduled to stop soon after the destruction of Mount Woo on December 7th. It will resume again sometime in late February or early March. So with construction ending and Mount Woo gone, will students be able to reclaim some spots stolen by the two?

"Even though there is a break in construction, there will be no reclamation of parking spaces and, in all likelihood, it will get worse before it gets better" says Thompson. It was noted by Thompson that Worcester State is the first Massachusetts State College with a parking garage and that it will add 559 more spaces to the campus.

So what does Kaine Thompson think about the name "Mount Woo"? "I like the name, short-lived as it will be. So you might also consider 'Mount Woo Be Gone'".

Has Facebook Gone too Far?

Rebecca Sasseville
Asistant Editor

On September 5, 2006 college students around the United State and Canada finally had something to stand up against. This was the day the popular college student website, facebook.com, added their infamous new feed and mini-news feed. Immediately students formed groups on the very site whose changes they were protesting.

These feeds allowed any member in your network, networks that are based by either where you live or what college you attend, to see any of your movements on the website. You can instantly see what groups they've recently joined, changes in their listed relationship status, who've they've become friends with, and events they plan on attending. On the home page is a record of all of your listed friends' activities. When you view anyone's profile on Facebook, you can also view their last ten movements along with all their information like their favorite quote, the high school they attended and their major.

My first response to this change on Facebook was utter disgust. Facebook failed to accurately tell its members of this change in their website and it came overnight as a shock. I completely related to all of the groups that were being created at the time to actually remove the feed from the website. I thought Facebook was turning into our generations very own Big Brother and decided to limit my activities on the site to just networking and conversing with friends.

A few days after they added the feed, Facebook wrote a general letter to its members explaining the changes they had made to their privacy options. Members currently have the option to hide some of their movements on the site, but not all. You have the option for the feed to not publish information about changes in your relationship status, when you remove information from your profile, add friends, or write a wall post. The news feed still shares with your listed friends things you've added to your profile, photos you've been tagged in, groups you've joined and status updates.

Almost two months later and there are still over 500,000 people in the Facebook group officially against the news feeds. Members still have no option to shut off the news feed's monitoring on themselves. I asked several people their opinions on the feeds and 75 percent were against it, many of them using words like "stalkerish" and "too much information." That 25

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Upcoming Film Events

Christopher Degon
Editor-in-Chief

So...are you bored of being in your dorm? Tired of all the "studying"? Looking for something to do? Love film but think that Worcester never gets anything but mainstream. Believe it or not, there are actually pretty interesting film showings in this city. Particular upcoming events include

Murderball- November 7th 11:30

Blue Lounge
Coming to this very campus is the 2005 documentary about quadriplegic athletes who compete in a sport so cutthroat, it has been giving the name "Murderball". The star of the documentary and real life murderball athlete Mark Zupan will be present to talk about the film and the sport itself.

2nd annual Mass Bay Film Festival
An actual festival of sorts is

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A Tribute to Robert Walker

By Lawrence Annucci

The news hit me like someone throwing a sucker punch in a barroom brawl. My favorite professor, Dr. Robert Walker, died suddenly from an apparent heart attack. Lisa (Fazio) Leger and I were just sending e-mails to each other recently about him. We were co-editors of the student newspaper, The Student Voice, in the mid-1980s. Dr. Walker was an advisor to the newspaper, but, really, he was so much more than that. We were wondering if he was still teaching. I'm ashamed to admit it, but I was even wondering whether he was still alive. After all, Dr. Walker did love his coffee and cigarettes. They only added to the incredible energy he possessed and shared with his colleagues and students. Can it be true that he is gone? He was so alive!

Dr. Walker had a passion for great writing, especially great newspaper writing, that still stays with me today. It's why I became a journalist, worked on a dictionary for four years, and even moonlighted as a disc jockey. Countless other students would probably say the same thing—that his passion for great writing rubbed off on them. Dr. Walker wasn't a large man. He stood about five feet nine inches tall, had receding salt and pepper hair, black plastic glasses, and cat-like reflexes. He walked and talked fast. He always seemed to be moving. He was, just like my father, a true New Yorker in that sense. What he lacked in physical size is nicely balanced by the giant legacy he left.

As Chair of the English Department, Dr. Walker developed a writing concentration program that I wish was there during my days as an undergraduate. I hope the current undergraduates realize how lucky they are to have that. Indeed, I'm impressed with all of the changes that have occurred at Worcester State College since I graduated 20 years ago. It is, by far, the jewel of the state college system.

Finally, I'm pleased that a scholarship was created in Dr. Walker's name. He so richly deserves this honor. On behalf of your colleagues, students, and past and present editors, staff, and contributors to The Student Voice: thank you. We'll miss you.

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From the Desk of: The Layout Editor

It has been a shaky start to another school year for the Student Voice. At this time last year we were already submitting articles for our third issue. This semester it will be surprising if we publish three editions.

I arrived back on campus with the Voice in shambles. Both our Editor-in-Chiefs had abandoned us. We also lost one of our advisors and a great mentor, Robert Walker. These losses nearly destroyed the Student Voice.

With the help of some dedicated individuals, the Student Voice has managed to weather the rough waters and is now able to function once again. It will not be like it was last year, however.

We have been forced to change to a monthly paper. This is in opposition to last year when we would release papers every other week.

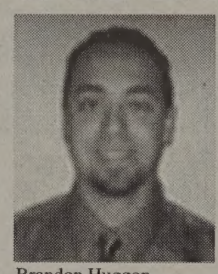
I encourage anyone with interest in the Student Voice to come to our meetings. They are most Tuesdays at 2:30. They are held in the Voice's office. This can be found in the org wing of the Student Center, which is on the third floor.

If you cannot attend these meetings, feel free to simply submit an article. If you feel it is newsorthy to Worcester State, I'm sure others share the senitment.

Thanks to everyone who helps make the Student Voice a success and to all our readers.

If you would like to submit a guest editorial to the Voice, send it to: studentvoice@worcester.edu with "Editorial" in the subject line.

SGA Presidential Newsletter



Brandon Huggon
SGA President

Fellow Worcester State College Students,

First off, I hope all of you are having a great fall semester and doing well in all of your classes! If we haven't met, my name is Brandon "Huggies" Huggon and I will be serving as your Student Government Association (S.G.A.) President for the 2006-2007 academic year. To keep you better informed, I will be giving you an update twice a semester on some of the larger developments taking place here on campus.

Some of you may be wondering what the Student Government Association does. I, along with the Student Trustee and Student Senate, serve as your voice in the administration. As an organization, we get your opinions on issues that are going on here at Worcester State. We also get your feedback on improvements that need to be made to the campus and things that are working well. Without you, there would not be a Student Government Association – please, do not underestimate your say in what happens here at the college. This is your school – keep us updated on how you think things are going.

New Parking Garage

To start, you couldn't have set foot on this campus without noticing the huge pile of dirt nearest the LRC. The construction taking place on the south side of the campus is of course the home of our new parking garage. The five-story, 500 space structure will ultimately alleviate some of the parking dilemma we have been facing at Worcester State for a number of years now. The construction crew is now in the process of removing the dirt from the area and assembling a retaining wall to make way for the facility – this process should be complete in early December. Work on the garage will be suspended during the winter months and physical layout of the garage will continue in March. The garage is currently on schedule for a Fall 2007 opening.

The parking garage is one of the first steps in Worcester State's Master Plan to beautify the campus. Over the years, much of Worcester State's lower campus has become a large parking lot. Due to a lack of a common area or quad, the administration saw a need to create a scenic area in the center of the campus. In the next few years, the college will undergo a series of projects to achieve the ultimate goal to "green" the center of the campus. Also included in this plan will be the renovation of the Administration and Gym Building.

S.G.A.'s Campus Contribution

S.G.A. is currently taking steps to contribute capital improvements to the campus as well. Our organization is in the process of bringing you a bus shelter on-campus for the WSC and consortium shuttle. It is our hope to bring the shelter to the campus by the end of first semester so you are better protected from inclement weather conditions. The shelter was funded by the Student Activities Trust Fund Committee which take suggestions from students on improvements they would like to see brought to the campus. The committee that determines what projects will be funded will return this year and we will continue to take your suggestions on campus improvements. More details will follow.

The College Bookstore

We would also like to receive more feedback from you on issues that have come to our immediate attention this semester. I need some of your dialogue concerning your experience with eFollett, the campus bookstore, specifically the buy-back program and products offered (Worcester State memorabilia, office supplies). Although I would like to hear your thoughts on textbook prices, please note that eFollett is working with us to provide larger supply of used books to save students money. Many of the high book prices are set by the publishing companies and not the bookstore. I welcome all suggestions, but please try and center these suggestions around the topics I have provided and be as detailed as possible. A rationale on textbook prices will be provided to you in the near future.

New S.G.A. Initiatives

Finally, S.G.A. is taking some new initiates to make your campus life and off-campus life a little easier. Plans are currently underway to bring an ATM to Wasylean Hall on upper campus. You might have seen some of our student senators around the dorms asking for your signatures – we are in the process of petitioning to show the administration how much students want access to money in a 24-hour location. Show your support and sign!

There is also a new program in development to give you discounts at off-campus businesses. This new program is called the Student Savings Club and will allow you to save money at some of your favorite hot spots in Worcester. I need to know what some of your favorite places to go off-campus are to get this program going. These discounts are not limited to any business unless it is alcohol related. Shoot me an e-mail and let me know what your Worcester favorites are and we'll help you to save a couple extra bucks!

If you would like to submit your feedback or have any questions regarding anything mentioned in this article please feel free to contact us using any of the contact information below or by e-mailing me at bhuggon@worcester.edu You can also feel free to stop by one of our open forum campus meeting, "Campus Cry", November 8th from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in the Exhibit Area (1st floor, Student Center). Remember, we are always looking for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Please contribute, and help us to help you. Thank you all for keeping the *student voice* alive – we look forward to hearing from you!

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Hey Jan! Cheaters and Reefers

Jan Brody

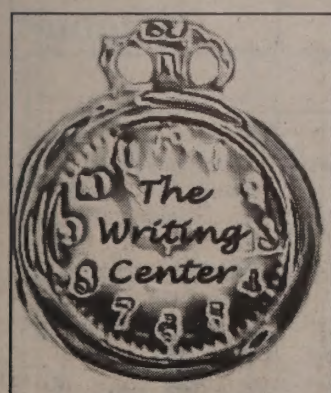
Hey Jan,
So, yeah, I'm pretty sure my boyfriend, that meathead idiot, is cheating on me. He's been avoiding my calls and doesn't account for his whereabouts when I bring them up. He's also not as interested in you-know-what if-you-catch-my-drift anymore and he used to be quite rabid for me. My question is: how do I know for sure?
Thanks,
Blondie

Blondie,
Judging by your insult to him it seems as though you're quite positive he's doing the deed with other girls and you're ready to call the relationship off. First you need proof. You can go about this in two ways: either with an investigation or an interview. It seems as though you have enough communication issues as is so I would suggest the tried and true investigation. Steal his cell phone and check his phone book, text messages and recent calls. If that doesn't confirm your assumptions then sneak onto his computer and check his e-mails and buddy list. Chances are if he's cheating you'll find out through these forms of communication. Good luck!

I came back from class early yesterday to find my house smelling distinctly like Mary Jane. Don't ask me how I know what it smells like, that's for another letter. It turns out that one of my housemates likes to get high between classes. I'm concerned about the smell escaping and someone catching wind of what's going on. Do I squeal on him to Res Life, talk to him or forget about it?
Help me,
Not A Square

Dear Not,
Strange. Who seriously gets high for classes? That seems a little wasteful to one's education. Anyways, talk to the dude all casual-like. Say, "Hey man, you smoke?" and see what happens. If he becomes defensive then let him know your worries about his habits possibility getting the house written up. If that doesn't work just be a jerk to him. If that still doesn't work and then he starts to completely hate you, talk to your RA and get the heck out.

Alright, guys, I'm back .You know I love hearing the juicy details about your exciting lives. Write to me and then call me Miss Fix It. My e-mail is ask_jan_voice@yahoo.com or you can leave me love letters in my specially marked envelope outside of the Student Voice's office on the third floor of the Student Center. In the meanwhile, I'll see y'all at Irish Times.



Do you want to improve your writing? Come to the Writing Center! The center offers peer tutoring, writing resources, workshops, and more. It is located in Sullivan 302. Hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3, Friday 9-1, and Monday and Wednesday nights from 5-8. Call 929-8112 to make an appointment or just stop by. Be sure to check out the website at www.worcester.edu/owl

CRIMES OF THE HEART
AT-A-GLANCE

Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley
Directed by Adam Zahler
November 16 – 19, 2006
Playing in the Administration Building Theatre (2nd Floor, elevator available), Worcester State College

INFORMATION 508-929-8843

PERFORMANCE TIMES AND PRICES:

Thursday *Opening*	8:00 P.M.	$5 Students and Senior Citizens, $10 Public
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Saturday	8:00 P.M.	$5 Students and Senior Citizens, $10 Public
Sunday	2:00 P.M.	$5 Students and Senior Citizens, $10 Public

CAST:
Ruby Pontbriand as Lenny Magrath
Christine Bussell as Meg Magrath
Jennifer LeBel as Babe Magrath Botrelle
Judd Bornheimer as Doc Porter
Tasha Matthews as Chick Boyle
Winfred Rembert as Barnette Lloyd

Matt DeCiero – Stage Manager
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FaceBook
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percent not against or who were indifferent usually argues that the only people who can see your movements on their logged in home page are those people you have listed as friends. How many of you actually know every single person you have listed as a friend on Facebook? For the mini-feed anyone in your network, the Worcester State one for example, can see your profile, unless you've made your profile private. Thankfully in the mini-feed you can hide your movements from that page but they still appear on the much larger and easily accessible news feed.

I will admit that my own Facebook habits have not really changed. I find myself ignoring the giant news feed now and still only log on when I'm notified by e-mail that I've been invited to an event or have a friend's request. I still have those few people that I poke every time I log in and I always check out whose birthdays are coming up within the week. Through all that controversy in the beginning, Facebook has still only changed one thing about the feed and seem to have no plans in the future to change it again. As long as I know who my friends are it doesn't really matter. Right?

Film
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upcoming in Worcester. Running from November 3rd through 12th there are showing, in many different locations throughout Worcester, over 60 films that wouldn't be shown otherwise. Interesting Titles Include

Tideland- the latest film by Terry Gilliam, based on the book by Mitch Cullin in which Jeliza-Rose, a little girl from LA must retreat into her imagination to cope with the events which surround her on a run down farm in Texas. Starring Jodelle Ferland, Jeff Bridges, and Jennifer Tilly.

A/K/A Tommy Chong- a documentary chronicling the arrest of Tommy Chong from the duo "Cheech and Chong", as well as the aftermath.

Factotum- Film based on writer Charles Bukowskis' like titled book and semi-autobiographical character Henry Chinaski. Starring Matt Dillon and Marisa Tomei.

Plus many others. Visit the website for complete information and show times. http://www.massbayfilmproject.org

SENIOR PORTRAITS

November 1 & 2
in the Student Center
Sitting fee only $5

for an appointment:
mcgrathstudios.com
password: wsc7

November

Student Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Senior Portraits 10am-6pm, South Aud. All Saints Day Service Noon, BL SEC Comedian: Steve Hofstetter 8:30, South Aud.	2 Commuter Breakfast, 9-11am Exhibit Area Senior Portraits 10am-6pm South Auditorium	3 CAB & Commuter Services: Celtics Trip, 3pm bus Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays SHL, 8-11pm	4
5 Catholic Mass Dowden Lounge 6pm	6 Surreal Games X-Box Night 7-10pm, OLP	7 *ELECTION DAY* Murderball Lecture 11:30am, BL TWA Salsa Lessons SHL, 7pm	8 SEC Coffeehouse 8:30pm, OLP	9	10 *Veterans Day* *No Classes* Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays SHL, 8-11pm SEC Movie: World Trade Center 8:30pm, OLP	11 CA Prayer Night Campus Min. House 8pm
12 Catholic Mass Dowden Lounge 6pm	13 Surreal Games X-Box Night 7-10pm, OLP SEC Movie: World Trade Center 7pm, SHL	14 SEC Movie: World Trade Center 1pm, OLP SEC Wild West Fest EA, 4pm-10pm	15 ODK Speaker BL 2-4pm Spanish Club Social N/S, 4-7pm SEC Coffeehouse OLP, 9pm	16	17 Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays SHL, 8-11pm	18 CA Game Night Campus Min. House 8pm TWA Latin Explosion SC, 10pm-2am
19 Catholic Mass Dowden Lounge 6pm	20 Surreal Games X-Box Night 7-10pm, OLP	21	22	23	24	25
26 Catholic Mass Dowden Lounge, 6pm	27 Surreal Games X-Box Night 7-10pm, OLP	28	29 SEC Novelty Day, EA	30		

Thanksgiving Break—No Classes

BL: Blue Lounge
OLP: One Lancer Place
WH: Wasylean Hall
SHL: Seven Hills Lounge
N/S: North/South Auditorium
EA: Exhibit Area
SC: Student Center
DHL: Dowden Hall

Coming Home and Growing Up

Mike Essery
Staff Writer

The sounds of New Found Glory has usually been reserved for the summer months. With classic anthems for teens to listen to at the beach about falling in love, heartbreak, friendships, and partying, NFG's sound went hand in hand with the warm temperature.

It has been two years since New Found Glory has put out any new material. Their previous album, "Catalyst", had success, but many fans thought it was a "safe" album to produce. "Catalyst" sounded too similar to some of the band's previous attempts.

On NFG's latest album, properly titled "Coming Home", the band finally shows the maturity and growth that was expected on their previous album. The opening song off of the CD is titled "Oxygen". The song is a great introduction to the album, with heavy guitar riffs and a crooning Jordan Pundik. It is impossible to not believe the sincerity in his voice when he belts out "Don't leave me here I can't breathe without you."

Following "Oxygen" is "Hold My Hand", one of my favorites off of the album. The song is very fast paced and should be fan favorite at concerts. The first single is "It's Not Your Fault". Unfortunately this single has not received the radio play that it truly deserves. "It's Not Your Fault" was the perfect choice for the single, because it shows the progress and growth that NFG has undergone.

Possibly my favorite track off this album is track four, titled "On My Mind". The title track of the album "Coming Home" follows. This track is another great example of the maturity of New Found Glory's sound.

The entire album is a great album to watch the leaves change colors to. Other amazing songs include "Taken Back By You", the acoustic "Too Good To Be" and the chilling "When I Die". Possibly the most powerful song off the record though would be the closing track, "Boulders". Lead singer of pop rock band Eisley, Sherri Dupree, makes a guest appearance on this track. "Boulders" alone is worth the price of the entire album.

"Coming Home" is without a doubt one of my favorite albums of 2006, and I would recommend everyone to take a listen to it.

Sudoku

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9	6		5	1				

Fill in each row, column, and box with the digits 1-9. there can be no repeating digits in a single row, column, or box.

Public Enemy Number One: Bark Mulch

Jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

It started out as an innocent night of fun. Will Brideau, a student at Worcester State College, and some of his friends were waiting for a ride back to their dorm after attending a show at the Palladium by one of their favorite bands, DragonForce.

The group was tired after the long show and wanted nothing more than to have their ride arrive so they could get some sleep. This is not how it was meant to be, thanks to the Worcester Police force.

"It was total overkill", stated a witness who wished to not be identified, "I don't even think what he did was illegal. The Worcester Police were extremely out of line."

What horrid deed could bring out the full force and wrath of the Worcester police upon one lowly Worcester State student? The answer is bark mulch.

Yes, you read that correctly. Bark mulch was the entire cause of this confrontation between Will Brideau and "The Man".

While waiting for his ride to arrive, Will found a piece of bark mulch that was lying on the sidewalk. Being bored and tired, he proceeded to pick up the mulch and doodle on the side of the building he was standing next to.

For those unaware of the fact, bark mulch is not permanent. Residue from a piece of bark mulch is removed after a rain storm or with a light brushing on the hand. It is not comparable to spraying a building with spray paint or even drawing with chalk.

Apparently this fact was unavailable to the Worcester Police Department. Within minutes, Will was surrounded by four Worcester Police Officers. They proceeded to verbally abuse him for well over ten minutes.

"They called him retarded, among other things. They even attacked Worcester State College and basically said anyone going to the school must also be retarded", the eye witness stated.

The police finally released Will with the ultimatum that he clean the "graffiti" off by 3 p.m. the next day or a warrant for his arrest would be issued. After returning home, Will grabbed a damp sponge, drove back to the scene, and with one gentle swipe cleaned off all the bark mulch.

This ordeal stresses how easy it is for average citizens to have their rights violated. Always remember to ask for a badge number or name if ever ostracized by the Police or other authority. This may be the only way to hold them accountable later.

Silent Nightmare

Christopher Degon
Editor-in-chief

This past week, in preparation for Halloween, Walt Disney Pictures has re-released to theatres Tim Burtons "The Nightmare Before Christmas". However, that is not to say that it is as it was once seen. The film has undergone a massive overhaul with visuals, making it three dimensional. That's right, Nightmare 3D. Though the movie itself is identical to the previous release, when wearing special polarized glasses the illusion of a three dimensional image can be seen. While it can take a moment for ones eyes to adjust to this change, soon the three dimensional differences become amazingly apparent. Where was once a simply flat image, now the illusion of depth is all too real. The characters move about the backgrounds, which are now anything but flat.

This manner of three dimensional animation has been previously seen in other Disney fare such as Chicken Little, as well as in numerous IMAX presentations. However, to take a thirteen year old film and rework it to this degree is unheard of, yet perfectly fitting. Mix that with the new polarized three dimensional technologies which do away with the old red and blue 3d classes in exchange for clear, slightly tinted ones that render the old method all but obsolete.

In companion to the re-release of the film is also a re-release of the stunning Danny Elfman soundtrack along with a second CD featuring covers of the films songs done by the likes of Marilyn Manson, Fiona Apple, Fall Out Boy, and Panic! at the Disco.

Thirteen, though an unlucky number, is just the perfect amount of years for Disney to allow children, and adults who remember being children, to rediscover the magic and wonder of "The Nightmare Before Christmas"

Crimes of the Heart

Adam Zahler

Worcester State has recruited one of Boston's finest to put on the college's upcoming theatrical performance. Award-winning director Adam Zahler will be the man behind the institution's fall production of *Crimes of the Heart*.

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts is confident that Zahler will impress local audiences this year. His reputation truly precedes him – Zahler has directed over forty theatrical productions including eight college plays. In 2005, Zahler took home an Elliot Norton Award for his work on the play *Permanent Collection*. The Elliot Norton Awards, notoriously referred to in the Boston theater world as the "Boston Tony's", recognized Adam Zahler as the Outstanding Director for the year.

Zahler's latest endeavor, *Crimes of the Heart*, is a heart felt comedy set in Hazlehurst, Mississippi that features three sisters struggling through life issues under unusual circumstances. Babe, Lenny, and Meg are reunited in their seemingly quaint hometown after news has broken that Babe recently shot her husband. Amidst the insanity surrounding the shooting, Lenny attempts to celebrate her birthday and Meg returns after failing to embark on a successful singing career in California.

The play saw great success in the early to mid-80s, becoming a Broadway smash and even becoming a motion picture adaptation. *Crimes of the Heart* earned three Oscar nominations and won a Golden Globe in 1987. New York Magazine praised the play stating, "From time to time a play comes along that restores one's faith in our theatre..." The Broadway production took the theater world by storm, going on to win three Tony awards including the prestigious title of "Best Play" in 1982.

The Worcester State production of *Crimes of the Heart* will star Jennifer LeBel as "Babe", Ruby Pontbriand as "Lenny", and Christine Bussell as "Meg". Also appearing: Winfred Rembert as "Barnette Lloyd", Judd Bornheimer as "Doc Porter", and Tasha Matthews as "Chick Boyle". Contributors include Susan Johnson-Hood in costume design and John Hood in set design and lighting.

The performance will debut Thursday, November 16th and continue to run thru Sunday, November 19th. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night the show will begin at 8:00 P.M., and on Sunday will begin at 2:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door and will also be available for purchase at the Information Desk in the Worcester State College Student Center. Tickets are priced at $5 for students and senior citizens, and $10 for the general public. For information call 508-929-8843.

Horoscopes for November

Aries (March 21-April 19) It looks like your best friend from home is going to stab you in the back with a very rusty old knife. Get your tetanus shot.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Car problems. Lots and lots of car problems.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21) You should probably start doing the opposite of everything you would naturally do. Things will look up then.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) Nobody likes crabs.

Leo (July 23 – Aug 22) Distance yourself from the so-called Chinese food in the Food Court.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22) Your schoolwork is starting to seem a lot like the inside of the LRC: dark, bland and no end in sight. Lighten up.

Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22) Don't worry about studying for midterms. You're going to fail them either way.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Fall semester really has too many holidays: Columbus Day, Halloween, Daylight Savings. Really, I can understand why your grades are sucking. Professors and parents don't.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Your life is pretty sweet right now. Don't change anything. Seriously. That would mess things up.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) No man is an island. For you this means you need to stop sleeping in between classes and make some friends.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) You're getting a cold. Drink plenty of fluids.

Pisces (Feb 19 – March 20) Looks like a nasty rumor about you will start going around campus. Too bad it's true.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

S.G.A does not only address the concerns of the student body, we also put on a full year of programming and community fundraisers as well. While our full time job is to serve the students, don't think that we don't have some fun in the process. Some of our accomplishments from last year have been The S.G.A Auction, being able to bring the Worcester State student voice to the State House, etc

In March, S.G.A. put on its biggest event of the year by far- and that was the Auction for the Homeless. For the past 15 years, S.G.A. has gone to local business and asked for donations that could be auctioned off to benefit those in need. Over 125 student, parents, faculty, staff and administration were in attendance to bid on over 300 donated items. In our 15th year of program, over $15,000 was raised from the Mustard Seed and Abby's House Homeless Shelter in Worcester! Not only is it's S.G.A.'s mission to give back to the students, but we also work towards bettering the Worcester community as well.

Later in the month, we ensured a student voice was included in the much debated parking discussion on campus. Originally there was talk of removing the tennis courts behind Wesleyan Hall and green areas near the Science& Technology Building/Sullivan Building to add more parking area. The Student Senate took an active stance against removing any recreational areas on campus, and the administration approved of our request to keep these areas in tact. With construction going on, parking may be tight this year – but the Senate felt it was more important to keep as much green on our campus as possible. After all, Worcester State is far more than just a parking lot!

On the top of the student issues and events S.G.A. p ut on, we also sponsored the four blood drives held on campus last year Just like the auction for the homeless, the Student Government feels that having the Red Cross involved here at Worcester State betters the entire community. According to Adam Edelstein from the Blood drive Services; our recent blood drive that took place on September was "the most successful blood drive at Worcester State College in a while"

The success we achieved in all the events of last year encouraged us to continue with the hard work. Making the Worcester state campus a place where you could primarily get an education, but also entertainment on a boring afternoon.

The calendar we've planned for next year is filled with different ideas from student leaders for various events that this campus should hold, bringing more life to the monotony of the campus life. As soon as classes started S.G.A put on the 9/11 tribute in memory of those who lost their lives, in the tragedy of the 9/11. The morning ceremony took place at the 9/11 garden, located in the front of the Administration Building. There was a speech by the Kaplan family in memory of their daughter who lost her life on 9/11. At night there was a vigil ceremony with candle lights which was a total success. The Kaplan family was moved by the great turn out.

SGA is an organization opened to every individual on this campus, so we counted on you to participate as a voter or a candidate on our SGA elections that took place on 20th-21st September, 2006. Congratulations to all our new Class officers and Senators. We wish them all the best and hope they have a very productive year in their new roles of leadership.

Due to its great success, there will be many more events to come. An upcoming event is the Campus Cry which is coming soon in November 8, 2006. Campus Cry will give all of you the opportunity to let us know of anything that you think is wrong with the school. It's your chance to make your voice be heard, so take advantage of it, and participate!

However that's not it. We also have planned on putting on a Holiday party in December in conjunction with all the different organizations. When we come back from Winter break there is more to come, such as our Anti-Valentine's event. This will consist of our Senate Parliamentarian, Steven Boudreau, dressed up as cupid! I won't reveal anything else, so come and check out the rest of it. Be a part of all these events and don't miss the excitement. Don't forget our biggest Event is coming up in March, SGA Auction this year is expecting great results. Come to us with ideas for a change and what would make our campus better, because your voice could make a huge difference for this school and community. Remember, we are here to serve you if you feel that there is an issue that would be better the campus, tell us! You can contact us in various ways: Come to our office on the third floor of Student Center, Room 315, call us on 508-929-8655, or email at sga@worcester.edu and don't forget to check out our website which is coming soon.

Grafton's Most Wanted!

Andrew J. Farrell

Worcester State College Senior Andrew Farrell is serving as an intern through The Washington Center with the FOX Network television show, America's Most Wanted. The Grafton, MA native is one of hundreds of interns from across the nation to come to D.C. to participate in the internship program.

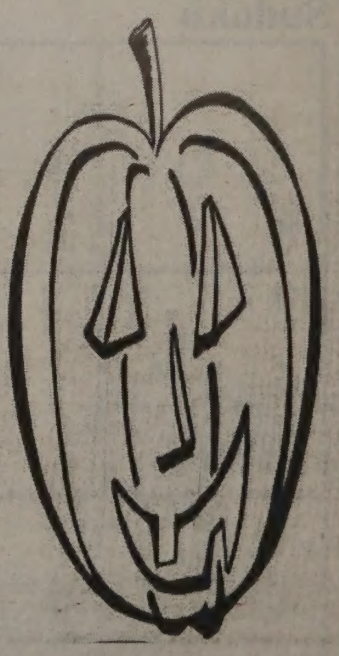
Farrell is assigned to both the Production and Archives. His duties include aiding as a Production Assistant for re-enactment productions as well as green screen remotes with host, John Walsh. He also spends time researching the archives for footage to be aired on the show.

When asked about his experience at America's Most Wanted, he said, "It's nice to help out, the work is important and I could potentially be responsible for the capture of a criminal. It makes you feel really good."

Along with the internship, Farrell also participates in Congressional Speaker and Presidential Lecture Series, which includes prominent world leaders and features a range of political topics such as immigration.

A lifelong resident of Grafton, Farrell is the son of Paul and Ginger Farrell. He is a communication major and plans to graduate in the summer of 2007. Upon graduation he plans to pursue a career in media production.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an independent, nonprofit educational organization founded in 1975. Its mission is to prepare college and university students for civic leadership through experiential education. The Washington Center seeks to promote future leadership for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors of society. It has served more than 33,000 students from over 1,000 colleges and universities. For more info: www.twc.edu



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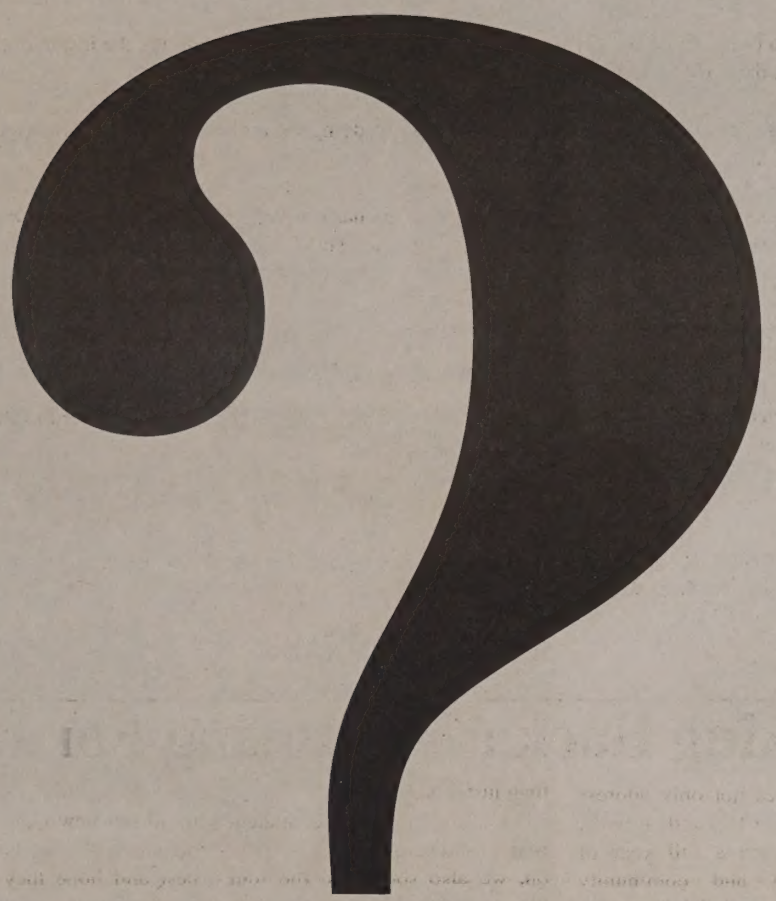

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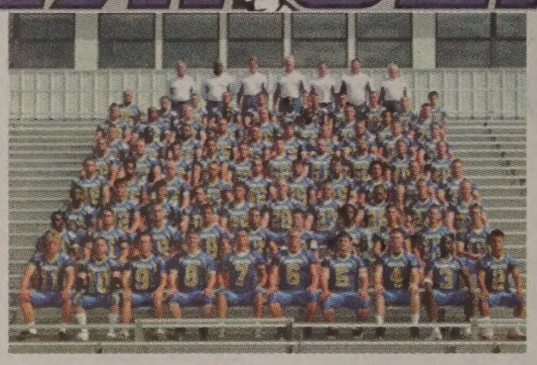
Join The Student Voice and let your voice be heard. Meetings are most Tuesdays at 2:30. Meetings are held in the Student Voice Office (Org Wings, third floor of Student Center)



Fall Sports Wrap-up

Mike Essery
Staff Writer

This fall has been a difficult season for much of Worcester State's athletic teams. The football team has experienced a difficult season so far. With a record of three wins and five losses, the football Lancers are hoping to win their final two games against the Bridgewater State Bears and the Westfield State Owls. The Lancers play host to the Bears this Saturday for homecoming weekend, so make sure you come out and support the team!

The men's soccer team has also experienced some tough results with a mediocre 6-10-1 record. They will be facing Mass Maritime Academy on the twenty-eighth in their regular season finale. The women's soccer team is a different story however.

The women have had a good amount of success with a 12-4-1 record. By the time this paper is published, their regular season will have been finished, so congratulations on a great season.

In their first season back, the women's tennis team finished their season fairly well. The women finished with four wins and four losses.

The men's and women's cross-country teams have done fairly well also. Besides a nineteenth place finish at the Umass-Dartmouth invitational, the men have not finished worse than fourth place. The women cross country team have not been as consistent as the men's team, but they did finish second at the Fitchburg State Invitational and then finished fourth at the Worcester City Meet.

Both the men and women cross-country team will compete at the Alliance Championships on the twenty-eighth.

The women's volleyball team has had an up and down season. After starting the season on a three game losing streak they were able to battle back to a .500 average with 12-12 record. But since then the lady lancers have gone on to lose five straight. The women will finish the season against Anna Maria College on the twenty-eighth.

The men's golf team has had a decent season as well. In eight matches, the Lancers have accumulated three second place finishes, as well as one third place, and one fourth place finish. At the time of publishing the Lancers were competing at the New England Championships.

Last but not least the field hockey team has had yet another good season. After starting off the season by winning six of their first seven games, the Lancers stand strong with an 11-5 record. The Lancers will finish their regular season against the Fitchburg State Falcons on the twenty-eighth.

The Voice would like to congratulate all of the athletes for great seasons, and for all of the teams that are tournament bound good luck!

Sports Schedule

Cross Country
November 4
@ECAC Championships
November 11
NCAA D3 Regional Qualifier
November 18
NCAA Championships

Football
November 4
@ Westfield State College
12:00 p.m.

Field Hockey
October 31
Little East Qualifier
November 3
Little East Semifinals
November 4
Little East Finals

Men's Soccer
November 1
MASCAC Semifinals
November 4
MASCAS Finals

Women's Soccer
November 1
MASCAC Semifinals
November 4
MASCAC Finals

Brian Andrade Named MASCAC POTW

Worcester State College sophomore Brian Andrade (Hudson, MA) has been selected as the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference men's soccer player of the week for his performance last week for the Lancers. This is the first time that Andrade he earned this honor.

Andrade scored three goals on the week including a pair of MASCAC game winners as Worcester State improved to 4-0-1 in conference play. On Monday versus Framingham State, Andrade scored both Lancer goals as they defeated Framingham Sate, 2-0. On Saturday, Andrade notched the game winner as the Lancers beat the host Bears of Bridgewater State College, 1-0. Andrade now has 12 goals on the year which is good for tops in the conference. Andrade also has a MASCAC leading 6 game winning goals on the year.

Andrade and the Lancers will return to action on Saturday when they host the Owls of Westfield State College.

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Holiday Bleak

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The holiday season rears its head. Even now there are people putting up their Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza decorations in anticipation of the most hectic time of the year. Christmas is the celebration of Catholics for the birth of Jesus Christ. Hanukkah, or the celebration of lights, which commemorates the miraculous eight days of oil when there was only enough for one in Jewish history. Last and certainly not least is Kwanzaa, which is a celebration of the African American heritage. But enough with the religious background, lets get onto the important stuff.

SPENDING MONEY! Even before Thanksgiving, the radio is full of holiday tunes, the television is advertising special sales, and one out of every six houses has lights up. Such is the way of the Holiday season. It is a behemoth than cannot be satiated. This brings forth the idea of Black Friday, the Friday after Thanksgiving, which is one of the biggest and most profitable days of the year for retail. People storm to their malls in droves and proceed to rip products from every shelf in sight, often times after knocking down the either very elderly or very young in the process. And it's not even December yet.

So what? So what if your not able to get the new Tickle Me Elmo Extreme (TMX...TO THE EXTREME!), the Nintendo Wii, or some other brand of mass marketed item that is sure to sell out fast when available. At some point in time in the near future you will be able to walk into any store and pick one up without committing a felony on the way. Little Johnny won't be that disappointed. He will probably have such a sugar rush from all the candy canes and chocolate coins that he will pass out five minutes after opening his presents and lay curled up in a torrent of shredded wrapping paper, ribbons, and plastic packages.

Instead of running around and spending a fortune in gas this holiday season, just stop. Stop for even a moment and take in the feeling of warmth, family, and togetherness that the holiday season inevitably creates. Enjoy the sight of snow, slowly falling, with dazzling reflections of the sun, the smell of warm baked bread from a bakery's store front, the feeling of standing under the mistletoe, just waiting for that special someone to walk by. Enjoy it. Savor it. Don't get caught up in the shopping hype. Because no matter what beliefs system you consider yourself, the holiday season is about being around people who make you feel happy. People who make you feel warm. People who make you feel loved. Things you should never mar with consumerist intentions.

People were lined up for hours before stores opened, hoping to get a great deal on Black Friday

Scene of explosion in Danvers Wenesday

Early Morning Explosion Levels Danvers Neighborhood

Jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

2 A.M. is a time of rest for most. It is a time to recharge from a long day of work. Very few people, if the choice is presented to them, would choose to be awake at this time of the night. On Wednesday, however, many residents of Danvers and the North Shore were not given this choice as they were awoken by a series of violent explosions that left a Danvers neighborhood in shambles.

At Approximately 2 A.M. Wednesday morning an explosion ripped through a Danvers chemical factory, leaving nothing but ashes in its wake. The factory bordered numerous houses on each of its sides. Miraculously, no one was killed in the explosion.

While no one was killed, the damage to neighboring structures was enormous. Dozens of homes were ripped off of their foundations. Several roofs were ripped off the tops of houses. Windows were shattered not only in the blast radius, but also in neighboring towns.

Michelle Hurley, a resident of Beverly, reported that her window had been cracked due to the explosion. Her house sits more than two miles from where the explosion occurred.

The blast woke up a majority of residents in neighboring towns, including Beverly, Salem and Peabody. The explosion could reportedly be heard as far away as New Hampshire. This reporter, who lives in Beverly, somehow was able to sleep through the explosion and never heard it.

Several days after the explosion, streets surrounding the blast were still closed. This caused roads to become even more congested than they usually are on Black Friday. Two large malls, the Liberty Tree Mall and the North Shore Mall, both reside within miles of the chemical factory.

The explosion brought firefighters from 30 surrounding communities in to fight the blaze. The Danvers fire chief called it a "War Zone". Governor Mitt Romney said that is was a "Thanksgiving Miracle" That no one was hurt.

"The miracle is that you have the equivalent of a 2,000-pound bomb going off in a residential neighborhood at night when everybody is home and no one is dead and no one is seriously injured." Romney said while touring the aftermath of the explosion.

Those wishing to help those displaced in the explosion can contact the American Red Cross (800-564-1234), Salvation Army (617-542-5420), or Greater Boston Food Bank (617-427-5200).

The blast destroyed a local bakery

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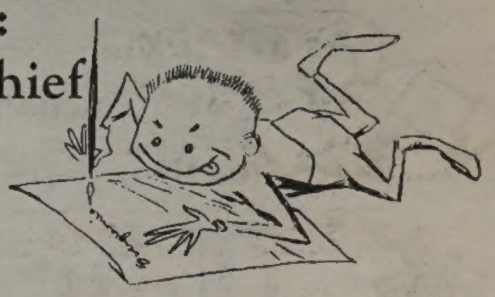

Another semester is practically over at Worcester State. Parking was worse than ever, Mount Woo has literally appeared and systematically vanished before our eyes, for the first time in years there hasn't been snow on Thanksgiving Day. Sports seasons are coming to a close, as are classes, papers, deadlines, relationships. The holiday season has begun, stockings are hung, and candles are lit. People ravage store shelves, online marketplaces, and mail order catalogues searching for that perfect gift. Final exams are approaching and everyone is starting to feel the trepidation that they bring. However, as always, time and classes march on to the end. Soon the swirling of snow will blanket the school parking lot, heavy jackets will be a requirement, students will be legitimately too sick to attend classes, and the holiday spirit will have given way to the winter doldrums. At least until April.

Speaking personally, I can't say that it has been an easy semester for the Voice Staff. Before it even began we tragically lost one of the major driving forces behind the paper, Professor Walker. Then about half the staff we had last semester decided not to write. But with the help of our advisor, Professor Scruggs, we were able to pool together enough talent to put out a couple of good issues that I believe rank up there with the quality of anything we did last semester. If I had to put a label on the attitude that The Voice Staff had to work with this semester, I would say it was defense. We were recovering from events that were totally out of anyone's control. With that in mind, I can promise that next semester, our attitude will be one of offense. We will be back, and better than ever. A veritable *Godfather Part Two* if you will. That being said, if you are at all interested in joining the paper, now is the time when we need you. We are always looking for bright minds to write smart articles. It is an exciting time to be part of the Worcester State community and no less in concern with writing for The Student Voice.

I hope all of our readers have a wonderful Holiday Season, full of warmth, family, and friends, and I look forward to seeing all of you back, looking through the paper my staff and I put so much time and effort into.

Very Sincerely
Christopher Degon, Editor-in-Chief

This is Not the Greatest Movie in the World

Christopher Degon
Editor in Chief

...this is just a tribute. So it is that Tenacious D, the self proclaimed "Greatest Band in the World", has released their first film.

Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny was released Wednesday November 22nd to theatres all across the country. Tenacious D itself is made up of comedian actors Jack Black and Kyle Gass. They partake in a tale of two men in a perpetual state of arrested development who embark on a quest for an infamous pick to make them the greatest rock band in history. What follows is a rock opera-esque story involving our two heroes, J.B. and K.G. respectively, plus Ronnie James Dio, a whole lot of drugs, Sasquatch, and Satan. Also, the film features cameos by the likes of Tim Robbins, Ben Stiller, Meat Loaf, and Dave Grohl.

The movie starts off promising enough, with a The Who's Tommy inspired opening number that sets up J.B.'s back-story then proceeds with 90 minutes of stoner/rocker humor. That is the beauty of Tenacious D. These characters do not look like rock stars and they do not act like rock stars, but they attempt to live the rock star mythos (sex, drugs, and rock and roll) to the tenth degree. Their songs never reach the point of lampoon, instead, they are much more homage to those that they were inspired by. It is easy to see that Black and Gass truly revere the music which preceded them.

That being said, no matter how much plot I give away, I cannot spoil it for fans of the D, because they have already practically seen everything in one form or another on the HBO specials, which Tenacious D put out six years ago. This is both the films biggest success and failure. Tenacious D fans, like myself, will be awestruck and giddy over the numerous references made to their original album as well as HBO show. But the critic in me still wanted more. Most of the humor hits perfectly, though there are moments when it is painfully obvious that they were reaching for a joke that just wasn't that funny. Ultimately though, the movie seems to never reach its full potential. By only watching the beginning and the end, one would believe that the film in the middle was of epic proportions, but this is hardly the case. It just seems like they could have done so much more than they did to add to the emotional and dramatic feel of the film. Sure, it has its physical and emotional climax, but they just don't feel consistent with the tone of the rest of the film.

In addition to the release of the film is the D's second album, which couples as the soundtrack. On it are fifteen new tracks with dialogue from the film peppered in before and after the songs. If one thing can be said about the soundtrack it is that they were trying to pay homage to as many types of rock as possible. The opening song, "Kickapoo", as stated above, is very Tommy-esque, and features the vocals of Jack Black, Meat Loaf, and Ronnie James Dio. "Baby" is a balladic serenade. History features the folkish acoustics which the D are primarily known for. "Papagenu (He's My Sassafras)" can be compared to anything by Cat Stevens in musical whimsy, and "Beelzeboss (The Final Showdown)" is an all off battle of hard metal vs. acoustic. Unfortunately, no matter how good the music is, the CD is short, very short. Clocking in at only about 35 minutes, D fans will be clamoring for more, especially when compared to their masterful first album.

The bottom line is that this is a film by The D, for D-sciples. It features over ten new songs, (the best being Kickapoo and Beelzeboss), along with an hour and a half of Tenacious D goodness. If you enjoy Jack Blacks brand of humor and/or are a D fan, then this movie will rock your socks off. If not, then chances are you will have a hard time getting through all 90 minutes of it.

From *The Pick of Destiny*

Student Activities Calendar — DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Surreal Games: Sci-Fi Friday 8pm, DHL SEC: Black Dahlia, 8:30 OLP TWA: Flag Party 10pm-2am, EA	**2** SEC & SC/SA Trip to NYC 7am-11pm
3 Dance Co Recital, 2pm, Sullivan Aud. Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**4** SEC Black Dahlia 7pm, SHL Surreal Games: X-Box Monday OLP, 7pm	**5** SEC: Black Dahlia 1pm, OLP AIDS Awareness Panel, 3-5pm, BL	**6** Dance Co. Recital 7pm, Sullivan Auditorium	**7** CAB Winter Warm-Up Social, 9-11am OLP	**8** Catholic Mass, 12pm BL Surreal Games: Sci-Fi Friday 8pm, DHL SEC: Gridiron Gang 8:30pm, OLP	**9** TWA Trip: Blue Man Group 2:30pm—Bus leaves for Boston
10 SC/SA: Make your own Fleece Scarf 2pm, SHL Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**11** Nicaragua Team: Holiday Party, EA, 1-3, 5-7 SEC Gridiron Gang 1pm, SHL Surreal Games: X-Box Monday OLP, 7pm	**12** SEC: Gridiron Gang, 1pm OLP	**13** **Reading Day** Res Life: Midnight Breakfast	**14** **Exams Begin**	**15**	**16**
17	**18**	**19** CA Study Break SHL, evening	**20**	**21** **Exams End**	**22**	**23**
24	**25** Christmas College is Closed	**26** College is Closed	**27** College is Closed	**28** College is Closed	**29** College is Closed	**30**
31 New Year's Eve						

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DHL: Dowden Hall
EA: Exhibit Area
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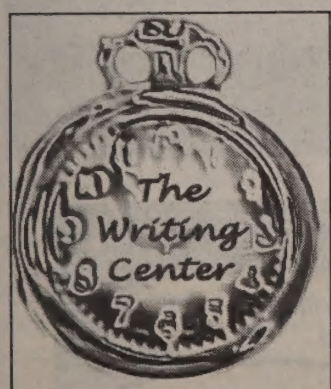

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Organic Inspiration

Courtney Towson
Contributor

A few years ago Kristen Tammaro could be found fetching chocolate milks and buttermilk pancakes until midnight at the classically tacky and outdated Bickford's restaurant in Massachusetts. Somehow, working her way up to assistant manager for the New England chain just wasn't cutting it for her. She tried her hand in the professional world and wore power pantsuits as she dealt with stocks and bonds. But it was at home in her kitchen that Tammaro's true passions lay.

Although Tammaro had been creating concoctions in her kitchen sink for five years, it was not until about two and half years ago that she began to turn her hobby of making all natural skin care products into a bona fide company.

"I was so sick of the everyday, go to work, drive home, go to bed, get up and do it all over again," Tammaro says. "I just needed a change."

"The change came in the form of enrollment at The Bancroft School of Massage Therapy located in Worcester, Massachusetts and the decision to market her skin and body care products to the general public.

Tammaro's business, Relaxation Works, is a creative and all-natural approach to skin and general well-being. Her ability to incorporate her skill as a massage therapist, along with the products she has created, makes her a veritable "one-woman-spa," and she makes house calls. She is proficient in polarity treatments, deep tissue, sports and regional massage as well as scrubs and body wraps. And although she is by no means claiming to be a doctor, she has done comprehensive research in herbal medicine.

Her business is small, and Tammaro seems to like it that way. "Being so small allows me to be more creative with advertising and how to make the business grow," she says. "I do it all myself, so I get to choose how and where I get the name of the company advertised." Tammaro serves as creator, producer, packager and distributor of her products.

Right now Relaxation Works products and services are only available at The Peacock Shoppe in Lakeville, Massachusetts and The Bancroft School. Customers living elsewhere can access the products on the web from Relaxation Works' MySpace page and their website, relaxationworks.net.

Utilizing her massage skills, Tammaro has grown her business by advertising as she works. Free samples are furnished in abundance to those she massages. She also takes part in many charity events like Children's Friend, which helps underprivileged kids, and she participates in events for the Shriners Hospital in Boston, which aids young burn victims.

Relaxation Works prides itself on being all-natural and organic. All ingredients are fresh and unrefined. Most products do not contain preservatives, which means most products will last only six to 12 months and will stay fresh longer when stored in the refrigerator. The few items that require preservatives are made from a natural additive that does not irritate the skin like those in most commercial products.

Tammaro is now setting up home spa parties where women of all ages can create and test products themselves using high-quality ingredients. "Unlike most home parties, where they just let you test the products and everything is based around purchasing something, these parties are meant to be more interactive," Tammaro says. "You pay in advance and then actually get to create something and take it home to use."

Having a full time job in the world of finances, working part time as a masseuse and what Tammaro describes as being more than full-time job of running Relaxation Works leaves her with little time for relaxing. A Cranberry Cocktail body scrub twice a week and then back to work. "I love doing this even though it's hard work," she says. "But for me, getting to do what I love is relaxing and extremely rewarding."

Ladies Steal *Crimes of the Heart*

Deanna Collins
Staff writer

Crimes of the Heart, a comedy by Beth Henley, was recently performed by the Visual and Performing Arts department at Worcester State. This production was the last to be acted in the Administration building until after the renovations are finished.

The play is centered around three sisters in Hazelhurst, Mississippi. The story concentrates on what goes on in the lives of these women in Autumn of the year 1974. It was directed by Adam Zahler, while Jillian Miller served as Sound Design and the Assistant Director. Costume design was done by Susan Johnson-Hood. Scenic and Lighting Design were handled by John Howell Hood.

Upon entering the auditorium, I was impressed with the set which was visible to the audience. It didn't seem like a set, but rather more like a home. Ruby Pontbriand, as Lenny Magrath, was the first character to be revealed. This character threw the audience into a timewarp with her clothes, mannerisms, and even the music she played on the radio. Ruby was also the most emotionally invested into her part, in my opinion. Her facial expressions alone convinced me of that. The way she interacted with the others was perfect in how it changed depending on who she was speaking to.

The first chance we had to see interaction between the characters was when Chick Boyle entered, played by Tasha Matthews. She was the first character to expose the comedic nature of the play. Tasha seemed to have good comedic timing and did very well in having Chick act condescendingly towards the other characters. To be perfectly honest, whenever I looked at Chick, I saw Mimi from The Drew Carey Show. This was more because of her wardrobe and make-up than her acting.

As more characters entered, the personalities seemed to vary more and more. Judd Bortheimer, playing Doc Porter, seemed to accurately portray the character as soft spoken and helpful. My only problem was that his limp, referenced many times by the other characters, was virtually nonexistent on the actor. When Meg Magrath entered the scene, portayed by Christine Bussell, she was loud, energetic, and stole the scene. The big personality of her character showed through and through. When the character got more serious, such as when she was speaking with her sister's lawyer, that big personality was put on the backburner to make way for her concern. When she got even more deep and told Doc about being in the hospital, the audience could see a completely different side of her. Then, it was back to her old personality in the end, which was nice to see return.

Jennifer LeBel, as Babe Botrelle, was innocent as pie. Seeing Babe in fairly conservative garb in hues of pink and white drilled into my mind just how naive she was. I think Jennifer played the part of the baby sister in way over her head very well. Although, because of her sweetness, I was even more confused as to how she could shoot her husband and have an affair with a young boy. Perhaps part of the character was to have the skeletons in her closet be as shocking as possible. One of the more morbid comedic scenes in the play featured Babe as she was attempting suicide but kept on failing at it. This shows Jennifer's good comedic perspective.

I was quite disappointed in Winfred Rembert's version of the lawyer Barnette Lloyd. He seemed very one-dimensional. He attempted physical actions such as pulling at his collar and clutching his briefcase, but that was really the extent of his acting. I couldn't hear Barnette's lines most of the time, and only figured out what he said when the other characters repeated it.

Overall, I'd say the play was well acted by the females, but the men could use some improvement. Everything dealing with the costumes, props, and scenery was perfection. The story was very interesting and kept my interest throughout the show.

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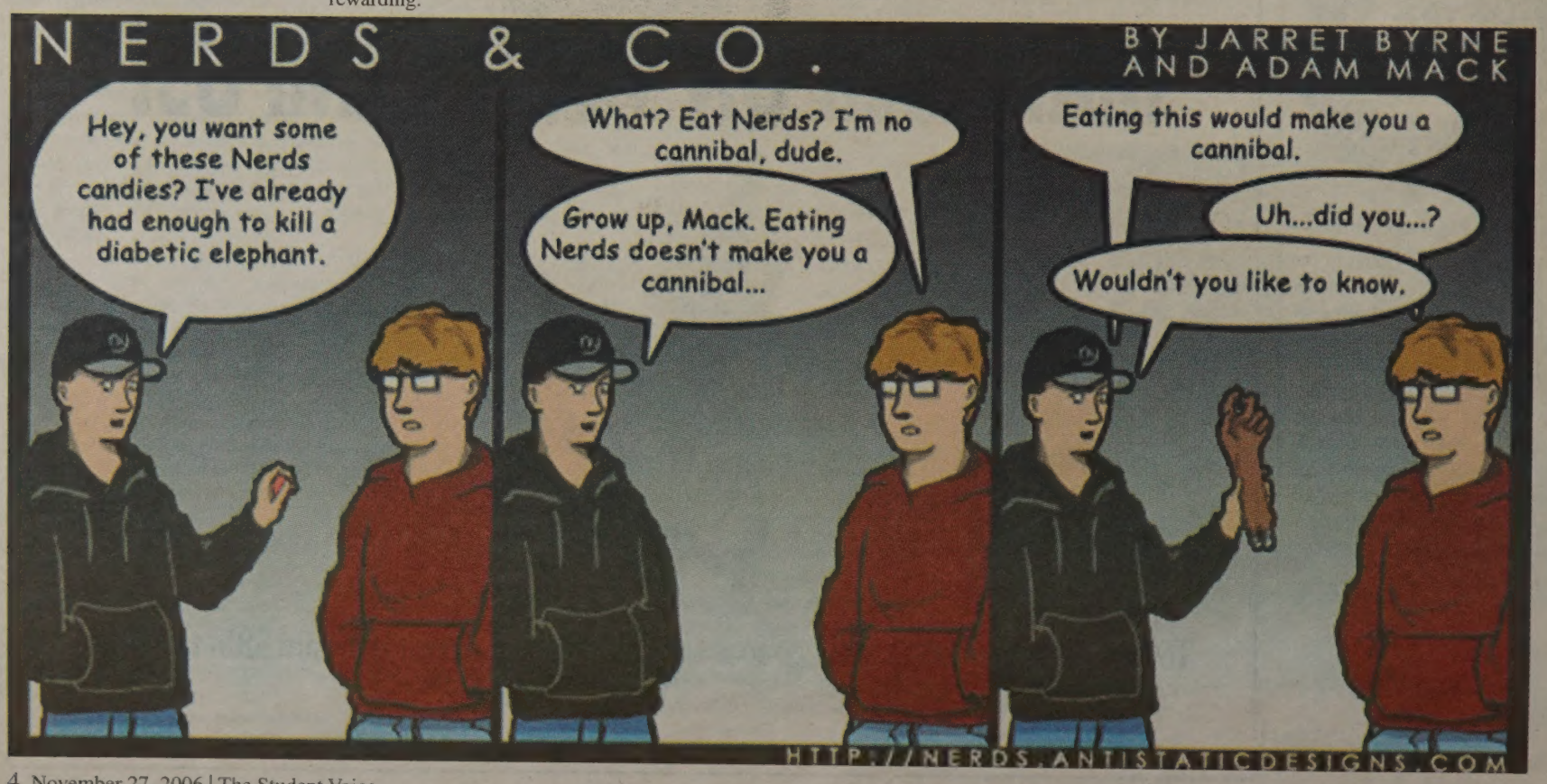
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The Somber Side of Blink

Plus44 in action

Mike Essery
Staff Writer

Blink-182 was one of the most beloved and admired bands on MTV and the radio charts. Bassist Mark Hoppus, guitarist Tom DeLonge, and drummer Travis Barker helped create the "pop-punk" genre of the late 90's. Even the millions of records that Blink sold, however, could not keep the band together. After a very bitter and confusing falling out, in which Mark and Travis claim Tom had the band's manager call and report that he was leaving the band. Tom says that he still loves his former band mates, but the feeling is definitely not mutual. Popular rock magazine Kerrang! recently published an interview with Mark and Travis about their new band as well as the sudden demise of their old one. When asked about Tom, Travis responded with "[expletive] that dude!"

Now the world is left with two separate bands that are both "good", but nowhere near the level Blink-182 was at with their last self-titled record. Both post-Blink bands have gone in two separate directions. Tom's new band, Angels and Airwaves, released their debut album We Don't Have To Whisper earlier this year to mixed reviews. People who were expecting another "pop-punk masterpiece" were surely surprised to hear Tom's U2 inspired album.

Mark and Travis' new band, +44, released their debut album, When Your Heart Stops Beating, earlier this November. Mark and Travis, along with guitarists Craig Fairbaugh and Shane Gallagher, tried not to stray too far from the formula that they had perfected with Blink. While Tom's album was very upbeat and hopeful, +44 is quite the opposite. When Your Heart Stops Beating is a surprisingly dark album. The album opens up with the fast paced "Lycanthrope". From there it goes into "Baby, Come On" a song clearly about a girl who drinks to get away from her problems. The album then transitions into its title track and lead single When Your Heart Stops Beating.

After this single the album starts to show its darker side with the song "Little Death". This song is a perfect example of how difficult it has been for Mark since the Blink break-up. The chorus has Mark beautifully singing out "a little death makes life more meaningful". "Little Death" as well as "Weatherman" are great examples of how dark Mark's song writing has gotten since the last Blink album.

Quite possibly the most somber track written by any former Blink member is "No It Isn't". This was the first song +44 ever released and by far the most obvious song about Tom and the demise of Blink. Mark has since come out and said that this song is about Tom and the hard feelings between the former best friends and band mates. It is quite interesting to hear the same man who once wrote about the carelessness of adolescence in "What's My Age Again?" sing a song with a chorus that includes lines like "Curse my enemies forever, lets slit our wrists and burn down something beautiful." When Your Heart Stops Beating isn't all about heartbreak and sorrow though. Songs like "155", "Cliff Diving", and "Make You Smile" are all "brighter" tracks that all have the potential to be huge radio singles.

Overall "old school" Blink-182 fans will probably enjoy Mark and Travis' When Your Heart Stops Beating more so than Tom's We Don't Need To Whisper simply because +44 has more of that Blink sound. Tom went in a completely different direction with his first non-Blink album, while Mark and Travis could be accused of playing it safe. When listening to the two albums it is important to remember this, because it is unfair to compare Angels and Airwaves' album to +44's. The two bands are almost in two different genres now. Most of all it is also unfair to compare anything by +44 or Angels and Airwaves to that of Blink-182, because a band like that only comes around once every few years on Total Request Live.

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When Your Heart Stops Beating
Artist: +44

1. Lycanthrope 3:57
2. Baby Come On 2:46
3. When Your Heart Stops Beating 3:12
4. Little Death 4:05
5. 155 3:29
6. Lillian 4:38
7. Cliffdiving 3:40
8. Interlude 1:12
9. Weatherman 4:33
10. No, It Isn't 3:31
11. Make You Smile 3:44
12. Chapter 13 5:07

We Don't Need to Whisper
Artist: Angels and Airwaves

1. Valkyrie Missile 6:39
2. Distraction 5:36
3. Do It for Me Now 4:33
4. The Adventure 5:12
5. A Little's Enough 4:45
6. The War 5:07
7. The Gift 5:02
8. It Hurts 4:14
9. Good Day 4:30
10. Start the Machine 4:10

A Giant Step in the Direction of Success

Worcester Student goes to Washington DC

"A blink in a lifetime, but one I would never shut my eyes to" Leominster native Amanda Machado says about the experience in DC.

Stepping out to start a new future. A student at WSC is taking a chance on DC. The field of communications tends to be a very non-traditional major for women. Student at Worcester State College is taking her first steps to make a name for herself in the industry.

Amanda Machado is doing a fall internship with Voice of America. VOA first went on the air in 1942. Its goal is to broadcast news, information, educational, and cultural programming to an audience of more then one hundred million people. VOA broadcasts more then one thousand hours of programming each week in forty four different languages. They are funded but the U.S. government through the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Her responsibilities will include putting together footage for many different type of voice overs, drafting possible story ideas for world wide clients; She will be shadowing video producers, videographers, and editors. She will have the opportunity to do this hands on. She will be expected to meet regularly with the executive producers and production managers. She will be compiling pieces as assigned and will have the opportunity to work on at least one story to complete and submit to the executive producer and the production manager.

It will be a lot of work for Ms. Machado but she will be able to add all of this to her professional resume and more herself forward towards her goal of working in film as a director or lighting designer.

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The Lost Homeland

Courtney Towson
Contributor

It's hard to imagine a world where the teaching of such classic literature like Shakespeare could put your name on a list of people that would no longer exist within a few days. But that is what happened to Guillermina Elissondo's husband in their native country of Argentina.

Elissondo, easily the shortest person in almost any room, looks like she has been at the beach for weeks. Her skin is wrinkled and leathery, but there is softness in her dark brown eyes. Those eyes have seen a lot and have cried too many tears over the past 40 years. The long-ago summers that she used to spend swimming in the pool at her parents' farm and riding horses through the fields have faded. What sits heavily on her memory is Argentina's more recent history. Her voice still shakes as she talks about her experience and the history of the land that will never again be her home.

Argentina, where Elissondo was born, raised and educated, was also the location of a fierce battle between left and right wing extremists that became known as The Dirty War. Between the 1976 and 1983, it has been estimated that 30,000 people were "disappeared" on orders from their government and were never found again.

Argentina has a history of political unrest dating back to the 1940s. The country had a history of dictators and censorship. The tension culminated in 1976 in a civil war between left-wing extremist guerillas and the right-wing military.

At this time, Elissondo was teaching literacy skills in shantytowns around Argentina. Although she knew what was happening, and she was an active supporter of the left-wing movement, once the war began Elissondo could no longer take part in the movement safely she says. "I worked with literacy projects and demonstrated actively [for left-wing ideals] until the beginning of the dictatorship in 1976," she says. "After 1976 nobody participated in anything because the struggle was just to stay alive."

"The students were divided, many were leaning to the left, but there were some leaning to the right," recalls Elissondo. "One night, students were on strike at the university and there was a right wing group who started shooting from outside. I was reading a political magazine and, all of a sudden, I see students that I supported, coming down the [street] with machine guns. I was scared to death. I was so naive that I didn't think they would be using weapons. We were not allowed to leave the building until three hours later. When I walked out I was shaking, I expected a bullet at any moment."

Elissondo's experiences with the war are not much different from many of her peers. Scenes like this were not uncommon. What is different is the ending to her story. Elissondo survived.

"The middle and upper classes lived as if nothing was going on", says Elissondo. "Germany went through something similar during Nazism. Middle and upper classes tend to want comfort and order," says Elissondo, "and they don't care about the tools which are being used to instill that order."

Elissondo's family was considered middle class, and although this was not a class war, money always has power. Another reason that Elissondo attributes to her still being alive today is the fact that her brother was in the military and her family was conservative.

Right wing terrorist groups were given free reign to kidnap, torture and murder people they suspected to be in democratic parties. That is, Elissondo says, "if the military suspected any people or group from challenging or thinking differently from the authorities they immediately repressed them."

"The government at this time was making exaggerations," says Aldo Guevara, Professor of Latin American History at Worcester State College. "People were saying things like 'Well maybe these people deserved it'. When someone was disappeared people would ask, 'Well what did they do?' This war happened because the people let it happen. They were apathetic and only now are they really accepting their role in the war."

Although she and her husband supported the left-wing ideals at the time, they have come to realize that there was manipulation-taking place on both extremes. "I don't think I would have wanted to participate in the guerrilla movement because I've been disenchanted by the leaders," says Elissondo. "The last 30 years have allowed us to reflect upon their actions and there is strong evidence they manipulated and subverted the ideals of low level participants, in particular undergraduate students who gave their lives for the nation. Students and factory workers were the ones who sacrificed their lives while their leaders were having a good time in Europe. The leaders survived and negotiated their exiles to Europe."

In 1976, after months of living in terror, Elissondo's husband was told by one of the deans of The Institute of San José that he could no longer teach at that university or any other public or private university in the country. "The college questioned the approach he used to teach Shakespeare because he relied heavily on semiotics and psychoanalytic theory. The dictatorship wanted to impose a college curriculum based on Western thought and Christian values and they banned discussions on Freud, Marx, and Umberto Ecco."

"Maybe a student complained. I don't know," Elissondo says, "In those days, you never knew who your student was. You couldn't trust anybody"

After being told that their names were on the black list, Elissondo and her husband escaped to the United States on her husband's Fulbright Scholarship. The scholarship allowed them to stay in the States for the two years that he would be studying English at Michigan State University. They stayed for their two years and then returned to Argentina with the hope that things would be better there since they had left. But they were not.

Elissondo is quick to point out that "It was happening to everyone," and that she "had it easy." But to those who have never had to live through uncertain times, lost friends, loved ones and everything they had ever known in life, "easy" is much too mild of a word to describe her situation.

During a war it is not uncommon for those who leave to feel guilty, says Guevara. Only those that had money had the means to leave, leaving the working class more vulnerable. "Many people that leave feel sympathetic to those that had to stay behind," he says. Elissondo is no exception. She is unwilling to make herself seem like a victim. Instead of wanting to tell her story, she prefers to tell the stories of others who had it much worse than her, such as her friend whose two daughters were disappeared and numerous friends that she has lost.

Argentina has been recovering from the Dirty War since 1983, when they suffered a demeaning defeat against the British Army in the Falkland Islands. The Argentinean government had begun the war with the idea to divert the public's attention away from the military's actions against its civilians. Their loss in the islands gave way to a governmental breakdown and new elections.

Although the government has been faulted at times for being too easy on those who committed the atrocities that took place in the country, Argentina seems to be recovering from the war much better than some might have expected. Many of the leaders in the Dirty War have been tried and imprisoned.

Elissondo did not remain in Argentina long enough to see the deceased and those who were left behind to mourn them see justice. Early in 1982, Elissondo and her husband made the decision to return to the United States because of Argentina's continuing instability. They have lived in various areas of the United States ever since. Elissondo now has a 21-year-old daughter whom she says is not Latina like her, she is much more integrated into mainstream America.

Although she follows Argentinean news and current events closely and visits her family once or twice a year in Argentina, Elissondo has not considered moving back permanently. "It's been too many years," she says. Even though her family is there and her past still lies there, Elissondo's heart does not. "I feel like I constantly live in a border, I don't belong either there or here."

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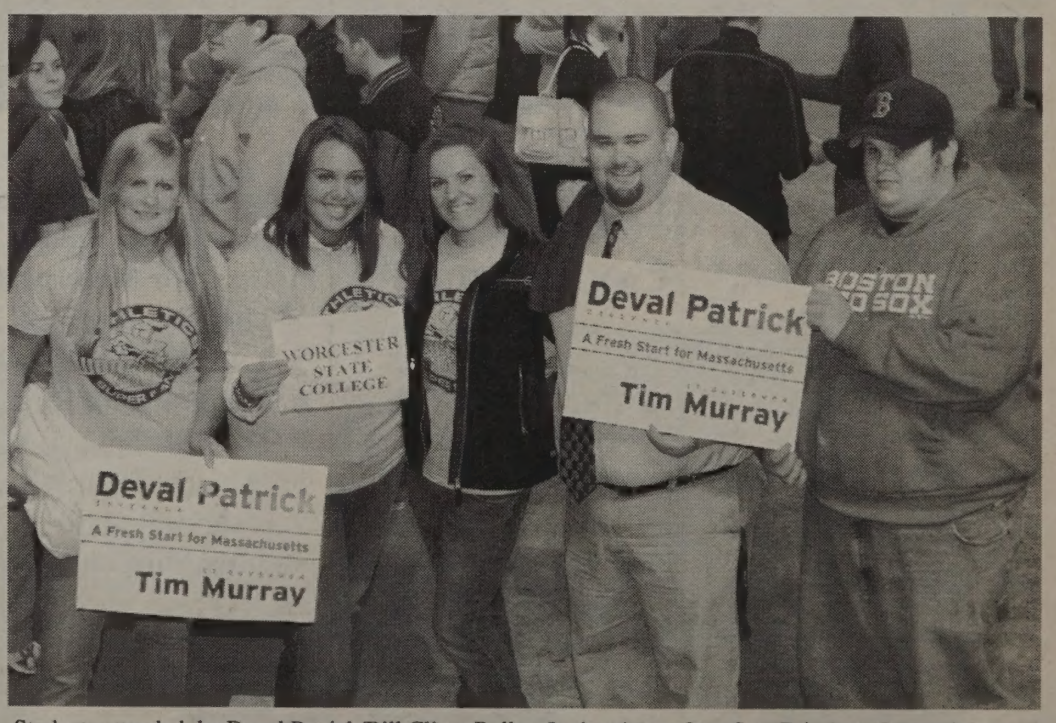

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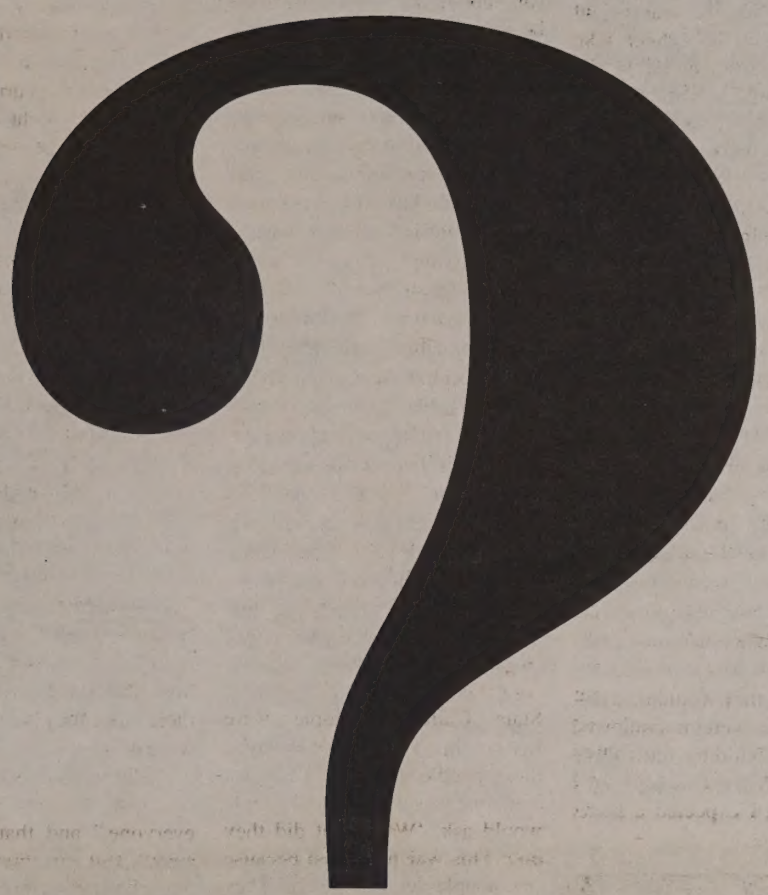

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Winter Sports Introduction

By Mike Essery

Thanksgiving has come and gone. Before you know it, it will be Christmas and then New Years. This of course can only mean one thing. That's correct, another season of winter sports here at Worcester State!

The men's basketball team is coming back from a mediocre season where the team finished with a final record of 13 wins and 14 losses. The team only lost two senior players from last season. The team has a good mix of returning players as well as freshman and transfer students. Seniors Devon Jarvis, Bobby Wilson, and Mark Retallic along with juniors Ryan Frassica, Will Spont, Winfred Rembert, and Matt Dickens are going to be expected to provide the leadership to this fairly young team. Sophomores Randy Gratton, Jose Roman, and Justin Sheehan as well as freshmen Francisco Albino, James Ngo, Ty Bacon, Darren Schmidt, Josh Kozaczka, and Patrick Hamilton will also all have important roles to the team if the men hope to improve upon their 13-14 record from last season. At the time of publishing the Lancers were three games into their season with a 1-2 record, coming off of a difficult 62-90 loss to UMass Dartmouth.

Sticking with basketball, the Women Lancers' season has also tipped off. Last season was good to the women, who finished with a final record of 15 wins and 12 losses. The Lancers turned their season around by winning six of their last seven games. It seems as though the team has picked up just where they left off. At the time of publication the lady Lancers were 3-0, coming off of a 71-61 victory against UMass Dartmouth. With the leadership provided by senior captains Jackie Jenkins, Rachael Odugbela, and Tracey Ducasse, along with fellow seniors Cody Elicier and Brittany Rheault the women's basketball team should expect another great season. The team's core also includes juniors Maureen Lemay, Jamara Exilus, and Lindsay DelleChiaie, sophomores Erin McCullough and Larissa Miner, and also freshmen Abbey Cosenza, Courtney Wallace, Heather Meyer, Stasia Twomey, Amanda Cosenza, Tracey Miller-Sweet, and Bri Flanders. Good luck to the lady Lancers, and keep up the good work.

Switching from the hardwood to the ice, last season proved to be difficult for the Worcester State hockey team. The men finished with a dismal 2-20-2 record. Hopefully the hardships of last season will help mold the very young and talented team into a productive one. The men did not lose many players from last season, and the team was also able to add a plethora of new faces to the mix as well. Senior captain Josh McClellan, along with assistant captains senior Chris Krawczyk, and juniors Josh Morgan, and Nathan Perreault will provide the young team with the leadership needed to win games. This team will need to utilize all of their players to exceed. Not including the captains the rest of the team consists of seniors Mark Holman, Dan McLaughlin, and Timothy Hunt; juniors Matt Auwarter, Dave Szydlowski, Mark Bucci, Chris Gramlich, and Ed Achilles; sophomores Bill Knauber, Tom Ford, Will Walsh, Andrew Burrill, Steve Nims, and starting goaltender Jason Richardson; and finally freshmen Dan Drinkwater, Lee Belisle, Mark Rintel, Jack Nagle, Derek Banks, Brian Miga, Chris Austermann, Chris Hanson, Michael Smith, and Ian Nadeau. The Lancers are only eight games into the 2006-2007 season and they already have two victories against Framingham and WNEC respectively.

The Voice would like to wish all of Worcester State's student athletes and their respective teams the best. Hopefully all of the athletic teams will be able to improve upon their records from the previous season. Unfortunately at the time of publication their was no available information on the men and women indoor track team. Best of luck to Coach Halper and his team and be sure to check out the Worcester State athletic website for updates on the progress of all winter sports teams.

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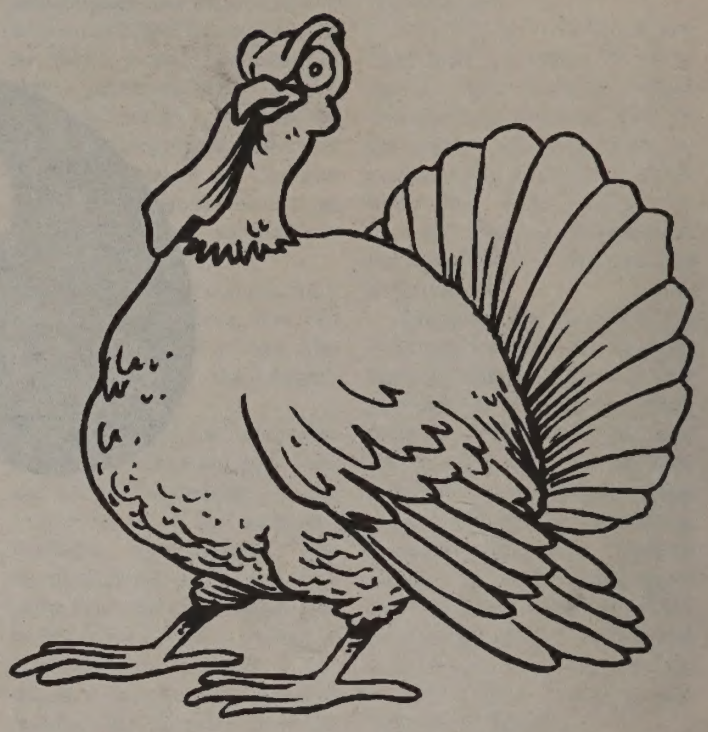

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Maria Echaveste Visits WSC

Maria Echavaste

Heather Berkowitz
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This year, Worcester State College celebrated Latino Month by inviting Maria Echaveste to come and speak about Immigration and Labor Needs in the 21st Century. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of California at Berkeley and served as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Bill Clinton from May 1998 to January 2001.

Though the issue of immigration and labor needs is controversial, it's not just a U.S. issue – it's something that happens on a worldwide, daily basis. To understand why this issue is so controversial, we first have to know what we're fighting about.

Echaveste pointed out that historically, we've always had a problem with two key points. First, who gets to be an American? And second, how do we meet our labor needs? Today, the only industry that is entirely dependant on the work of illegal immigrants is agriculture; 60-70 percent of the 2 million illegal immigrants working on farms are illegal. Unfortunately, however, when the economy is going well, the government turns a blind eye to this. In fact, farmers are still given a three day notice *before* their farms are raided.

Surprisingly, however, of the 12 million illegal immigrants who cross our borders, fewer than 200,000 are given permanent visas for employment, and nearly half a million are able to overstay these visas. So, if all the illegal immigrants are working, why do we put so much emphasis on *them* instead of on the people hiring them?

The answer is simple: First, there's an old law that says it's not considered "harboring illegal immigrants" if they're employed. The process of tracking down illegal, working immigrants is so complex that it actually prevents the agencies from doing their job; in 2004, only four employers were penalized. Second, work conditions and wages are being pushed down so much that an American would rather stick to a minimum wage job flipping burgers than earn $10 an hour to pick vegetables.

"When the recruitment pool is the world," says Echaveste, "there will always be someone willing to do the work."

To help solve the problem, Echavaste proposes that we create a plan similar to credit cards. These cards would contain the immigrant's information, and the employer would simply have to scan the card for verification.

Cheryl Burlingame, a junior double majoring in Psychology and Spanish, believes it's an interesting idea to think of a program that would allow the illegal immigrants to work. After all, if that's what they're already doing, why not help them?

Meanwhile, Christina Pingitore, a Communication Sciences and Disorders major, was struck by the fact that most Americans would rather stay at McDonald's than earn twice as much in the fields. "Sure the job is harder," she says, "but no one can survive and support themselves on a minimum wage job."

Perhaps one of the most interesting things Echavaste spoke about came during the Q&A session. Someone had mentioned race, and Echavaste responded that it's still an unsolved problem. In fact, by the year 2050, Caucasians will be a minority. "It comes down to knowing people," she said. "If you know different kinds of people, you're less likely to have stereotypes." Over time, we have made progress; the fact that we even had a Civil Rights movement and that we ended legalized slavery speaks volumes, but we still have a ways to go.

Thirty years ago, California was in the top 5 states – all the top schools and best jobs were in the state; there were no problems when it came to educating all the white people that came from Oklahoma or Mississippi. Now that all of those faces have turned brown and black, however, they don't get to go to school and get an education to better themselves and their lives. "Instead of educating them," says Echavaste, "we built more prisons."

A Tale of Two Worcesters

Those Brits know how to party

Jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

Over winter break, I had the opportunity to visit England through a class I was taking. For a good part of the trip the group stayed at the University of Worcester. Worcester, England is a surprisingly different city from the Worcester we know and love.

The biggest difference is the level of activity around the city. Even though the University was in finals, the college seemed as lively as Worcester State ever does. A large portion of downtown is dedicated solely to pedestrian traffic. Theses streets were filled with people shopping and eating in restaurants. The activity subsided at around six o'clock when the shops closed. This is when the pub scene takes over.

Students are allowed to drink from the age of 18. There is a pub on campus and alcohol is allowed in the dormitories. Many areas also allow drinking in public. Students defiantly still drink to get drunk, but drinking also seems to be a casual activity in Worcester.

English men seem to be more open with each other in Worcester. Straight men have no problem dancing with each other in the club, as well as giving each other a kiss. In Worcester of the United States this affection is reserved for a few very specialized bars.

While English Worcesterites seems very open and tolerant, there is one group that they seem united in hating; themselves. While I did not have enough time to fully comprehend the rivalry, the English, Welsh, Irish, and Scottish all seem to at least secretly despise each other. This is not too surprising considering the bloody history these factions possess.

Worcester England is a vastly different place to live than Worcester Massachusetts. I would suggest anyone who is able to visit England and in particular, Worcester.

Study Abroad 101

Heather Berkowitz
Contributor

If you're interested in studying abroad, the good news is that many classes in participating foreign countries just happen to be taught in English. The bad news is that there are so many difference choices that your head will spin around like it does in *The Exorcist*. This is where Kelly O'Brien comes in.

O'Brien is the assistant director of Worcester State's study abroad program. With over 20 years of experience in international education, she has spent most of her professional years in Kenya and Uganda. She came to the college in September 2005 and has already begun revamping the Portuguese exchange program.

Though most students think that study abroad will cost and arm and a leg, O'Brien was quick to clarify that students participating in programs with related schools will only pay Worcester State's fees and tuition. For students with financial aid, the aid is reworked to cover studying abroad, including food expenses.

In addition, scholarships are available for students who are willing to go elsewhere besides Australia and Europe.

One in particular is the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which is open to undergraduates who are US citizens and who are receiving a Federal Pell grant. Students willing to go to countries outside of Western Europe and Australia receive preference, though all students meeting the requirements are eligible.

Other scholarships include the Freeman-Asia program for students who wish to visit Asian countries; the National Security Education Program for freshman and sophomores or science and engineering majors; and the US Fulbright Program, which gives recent B.S./B.A. graduates, master's and doctoral candidates, or young or professional artists the opportunity for professional development.

Another way to study abroad at Worcester State College is with short-term faculty-led study tours. These programs take place over semester breaks and provide students the opportunity to continue working with their professors. These types of programs also give students the chance to apply and experience what they have learned in the classroom to real-life experiences. The destinations for these programs include the Galapagos Islands, United Kingdom, Costa Rica and the Amazon.

Finally, the third opportunity to study abroad is with independent programs, like Australearn. Financial aid often covers part of this cost as well, though additional money is required. According to O'Brien, the best part of some of these programs is that they fully immerse students into the culture in which they are learning. This, she feels, is the most important part about study abroad.

As she says, "The stone you skip across the water doesn't know anything about the water until it falls in."

Though it seems easy to join the study abroad program, student must be sophomores with a 3.0 GPA. O'Brien is working on getting this lowered to 2.5, on par with most other programs here at WSC. This, however, should not deter students with a less than 3.0 GPA from applying: Ultimately, *all* study abroad applicants have to approved by the Academic Affairs office.

Lastly, O'Brien reminds students who will be studying abroad to have low to no expectations about the experience. This way, you won't have any preconceived notions about what to expect – when you expect nothing, you can't be disappointed about anything.

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From the Desk of: The Editor in Chief

On behalf of the entire staff of the Student Voice, I welcome you back to another semester at Worcester State. Personally, I hope that everyone's winter break went terrifically and that their first few weeks of classes have also been going well. This semester, my staff and I are hoping to tackle some important issues, both in the school environment, as well as more universally. There are a number of activities coming up this semester which look promising to say the least, from the comedian series, to the newest theatre production. There is almost always something going on at the school.

What if you feel like doing something off campus. We also will be covering local musical acts, as well as film reviews, both mainstream and independent (see review for Pan's Labyrinth), as well as any and all activities which would be of interest to Worcester State Students

As always, we are looking for more writers for our staff, so, anyone interested in getting active in their college community by doing some quality journalism and writing, need only stop by our office on the third floor of the student center. For those who may be less interested in writing, and more in publishing/design, we are looking now for anyone who may be interested in designing the layout of the paper, as well as future prospective editors. We have a schedule of meetings on our on the third floor door and all meetings currently take place at 3:30.

There are so many things going on in and around campus these days that it would be a shame to miss them. I hope that everyone will take this to mind, and read our paper (which is really your paper if you think about it). The semester has just begun and I look forward to seeing many a student sitting in the student center, the LRC, or even a bench outside in the middle of a snowstorm, expertly balancing a cigarette in one hand, this paper in the other. That would be beautiful. Ciao

Chris Degon
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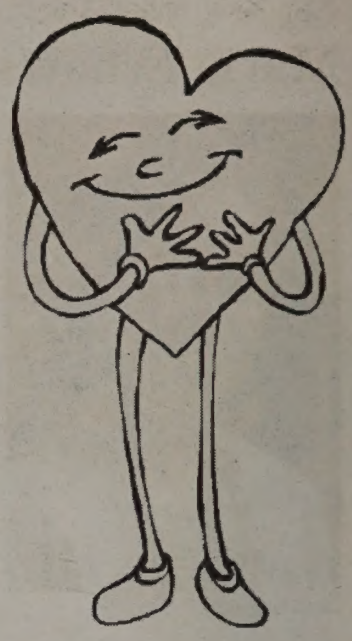

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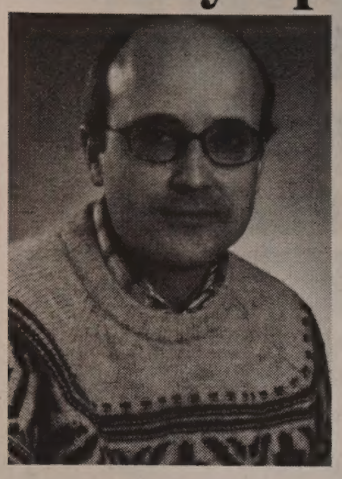

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Contributor

Question: How does a physics professor take a 32-chapter, 1,109-page book and break it down into chunks of information that all of his students can understand?

Answer: "I've been studying the material for so long that I understand the structure of how it works. There's a saying in Spanish that my mother used to say, 'el Diablo sabe mas por viejo que por Diablo.'"

Literally, the saying means, "the devil knows more by virtue of being old than by virtue of being the devil." It is easy to see how this phrase applies to Frank Lamelas: Though he "fell" into both physics and teaching, he has been teaching the subject since 1994.

Lamelas has taught at Boise State in Idaho and Marquette University in Wisconsin, but is in his second year at Worcester State. He and his wife, Sudha Swaminathan, who is also a physics professor at Worcester State, previously taught at different school in different states. Swaminathan had a lecture-only teaching position at Washington State University, while Lamelas was a tenure-tracked professor at Boise State.

Because the commute was 300 miles, they had separate apartments. Every other weekend, Lamelas made the drive to see his wife.

"It was hard with a child," says Swaminathan. "We looked for places that had a lot of institutions. This job is tenure-tracked for both of us, so it's more permanent."

Though the husband and wife team have only lived here for a couple of years, they have managed to completely integrate themselves into both the college community specifically and the education community in general. They are currently involved with numerous outreach programs that are in various stages of development and practice.

One project Lamelas is working on involves his own research regarding the growth of crystals under different conditions. First, it is important to understand why this research is important. "When crystals grow, atoms come together," explains Lamelas. "But they arrange differently under different conditions."

This is important because crystal growth has both fundamental and practical aspects.

Fundamentally, "water crystallizes with certain morphology in an ice cube tray and with a completely different morphology when a snow flake is formed," he says. "Understanding why these differences occur requires mathematical modeling of the process by which atoms are incorporated in the growing crystal."

The practical side of crystal growth is more interesting – and easier to understand. Crystal growth occurs in processes ranging from the production of semiconductors (the materials used in optical detectors and lasers) to biomineralization, which is the formation of crystals in living organisms. These crystals can eventually take on skeletal roles, becoming bones, teeth and seashells.

To further his research, Lamelas is building a small lab in the Science and Technology building. He is currently working on everything ranging from machine-shop work to electronics, optics and software. Hopefully, the lab will be up and running by this summer, and students will become involved in his research projects. Lamelas has worked with undergraduate students in the past, some of whom have been co-authors on scientific publications.

Along with other science professors, Lamelas and Swaminathan are working on a lecture series called Conjunto Experimental. This program is for students in third to sixth grades from Chandler Magnet who attend an afternoon program as part of the Latino Education Institute at Worcester State.

"In Milwaukee, we used to attend monthly science lectures for the public. Each month was a different subject and there were four lectures a month. They were well-attended and it was for all ages…it was very inspirational," Swaminathan says.

There have been three lectures so far, but they have more planned for next semester. Currently, undergraduate students are involved in this program. The topic and the professor giving the lecture changes each time, and two WSC students help with each lecture. Students receive a $200 stipend for their assistance. As more teachers get involved, so will more students, helping to increase both the publicity and attendance of the program.

Swaminathan is also working with Chemistry professor Anne Falke on a science program for women. From her own experience as a student, Swaminathan found that she was more comfortable in classes that were all female; she was not as afraid to break something or to make a mistake. This lab program is more open-ended and research-based than a typical physics lab session – the students don't necessarily come away with a firm "yes" or "no" type of answer. The program involves females from all over the Worcester-county area, in grades 10-12 who are currently taking physics or chemistry in their own schools.

The most striking thing about both Lamelas and Swaminathan is that they don't see their involvement in so many programs – in addition to raising a son, preparing class materials and teaching their classes – as a big deal. In fact, they both feel it is something they should be doing and were surprised when asked why they are involved.

Lamelas' answer was straight to the point. "I thought that the things I'm working on are part of my job description," he says. "That is, a college faculty member is supposed to teach, and do research, and work on service projects. 'Service' means serving on college committees and doing community projects, and so on."

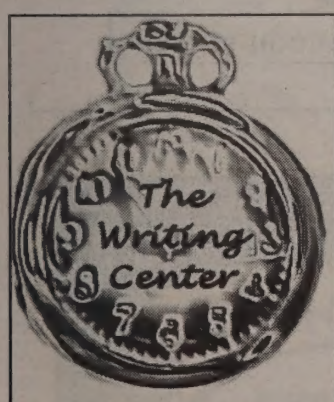
While Swaminathan mostly agrees, she also made it a point to include her personal feelings, as well. She is from India, and there is a lot of emphasis on having a solid background in science and math, but she feels that there is a lack of science awareness in the United States.

"I was inspired by a talk from a guy…who was losing science majors," she says. "He started an outreach program that met one evening a month and had a class on Saturdays for children in Kindergarten through grade 12. The kids got used to going to the college every week for the lecture and their science enrollment increased dramatically."

Her other reason for being so involved is that it is expected. A tenure-track job is multi-faceted, and involves doing different things and serving on committees.

In addition, "we represent Worcester State to the public," she says. "The only way to do that is to have these programs and say 'here are our scientists.'"

Most interesting about Lamelas is his son, Chami. Recently turned six, he's naturally curious, though both of his parents feel he's probably no more or less curious than any other kid his age. He learns about science at school and watches Zoom and other shows on PBS. Even though he knows many adults in fields related to math and science, his current career goal is to be a firefighter.



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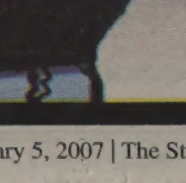
4 Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**5** Surreal Games: X-Box Night OLP, 7pm SEC Movie: The Grudge II SHL, 7pm	**6** TWA Lecture Jeff Johnson BL, 10am SEC Movie: "The Grudge II" OLP, 1pm	**7** SEC Comedian: Lee Camp N/S, 8:30pm	**8**	**9** Environ. Adv. Group Movie: "Inconvenient Truth" 7pm, OLP Surreal Sci Fi Fridays, DHL 8-11pm	**10** Ski Trip: Mt. Sunapee 6am-7pm
11 Worcester Consortium Emerging Leaders Conference 10am, Assumption College Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**12** Surreal Games: X-Box OLP, 7pm OL Apps Avail. Careers in Student Affairs Panel 6-8pm, BL	**13** SC/SA: Art Party 7pm, OLP 	**14** ***Valentine's Day*** SGA Anti-Valentine's Day Event, EA,	**15**	**16** Surreal Sci Fi Fridays, DHL 8-11pm SEC Movie: "The Return" 8:30pm, OLP	**17** Campus Ambassadors Prayer Night CMH, 7pm
18 	**19 President's Day- No Classes** SEC Movie:"The Return" SHL, 7pm Surreal Games: X-Box Night 7pm, OLP	**20** SEC Movie: "The Return" OLP, 1pm	**21** Senior Portraits South Aud, 11am-6pm SEC Coffeehouse: Lee Waddle 8:30pm, OLP	**22** Senior Portraits South Aud, 11am-6pm	**23** Surreal: Sci Fi Fridays, DHL 8pm-11pm Pre-Med/Allied Health Fashion Show, eve, SC	**24** Campus Ambassadors "Revolution", 9pm, BL
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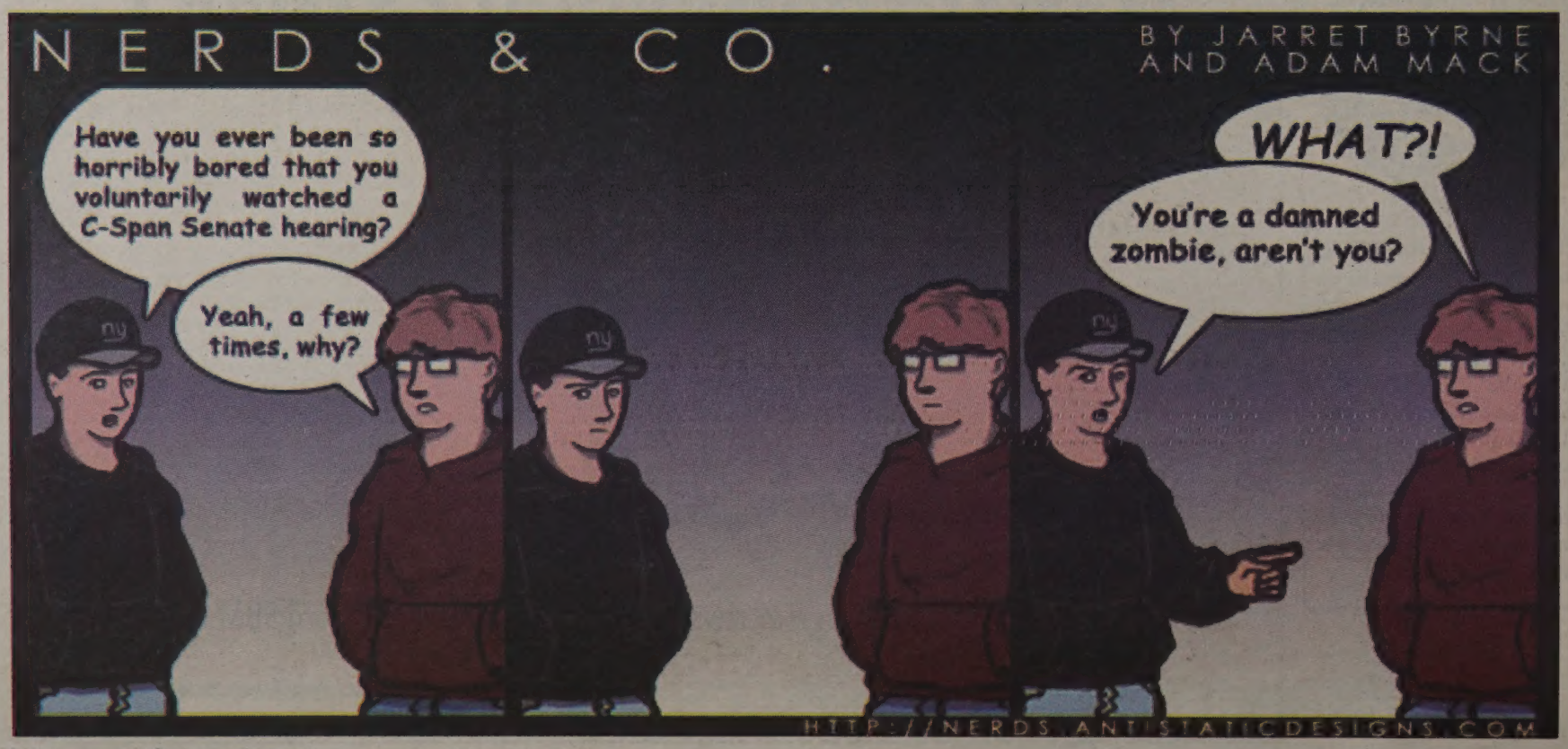
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Mighty Pan

Chris Degon
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Scene from "Pan's Labyrinth

It is not very often that a film can make you cringe and cry at the same time. Nor is it commonplace for a foreign film to garner as much attention in the United States as this film has. Nevertheless, Pan's Labyrinth has finally been given a wide release and I am proud to say that it is one of the most visually and emotionally stunning films in recent memory.

Director Guillermo Del Toro proves his mastery in film with this mature fairy tale. With this serious (and seriously disturbing) masterpiece he establishes himself as a director that can do so much more than "comic book" adaptations while refusing to sacrifice his creative vision.

Set against the backdrop of World War II and Franco enslaved Spain, Pan's Labyrinth confers the story of a young girl named Ofelia. She is forced from her home in the city, with her pregnant mother, to live in an old mill turned military base in the Spanish woods, with her stepfather Capitan Vidal. While there, Ofelia happens upon a labyrinth where she meets the titular faun, who informs her that she is the reborn princess of the world "underneath", who has finally returned. The catch, as there always must be one, is that in order for Ofelia to return to her throne she must complete three mystical tasks. Meanwhile she must be cautious about her actions around the brutal Captain Vidal.

Visually, this film is unbelievable. This is truly a testament to the survival of movie theatres as this is a film that should be required viewing on a big screen. The dichotomy between the lush fantastical environments and the dreary "real world" is jarring, but in the most effective way. As for the creatures Ofelia encounters, Del Toro chose to keep CGI to a minimum, which infinitely adds to the authenticity and grit of the film. Pan looks as if he was made out of the rocks and earth itself. His movements are quick and realistic as opposed to the unnatural "flow" which CGI often creates. This extravagant and subtle display greatly adds to the audience's question of whether or not Pan is a friend, or something much more sinister.

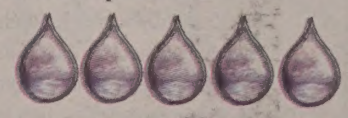
Actress Ivana Baquero is phenomenal as Ofelia. She literally has to carry the film and succeeds with flying colors. American actor Doug Jones also shines beneath the prosthetics, giving life and motion to Pan, and the monstrous "Pale Man". Maribel Verdu is stirring as Mercedes and Sergi Lopez is terrifying as Capitan Vidal.

The score, composed by Javier Navarrete, is beautiful. The main theme is set up in the very start of the film and its payoff is at the very end. Much like the rest of the film, this payoff serves to cue the audience to its ultimate realization. Navarrete has crafted a haunting score that accentuates the most striking moments in the film stays in your mind days afterward, as the truly great film scores always do.

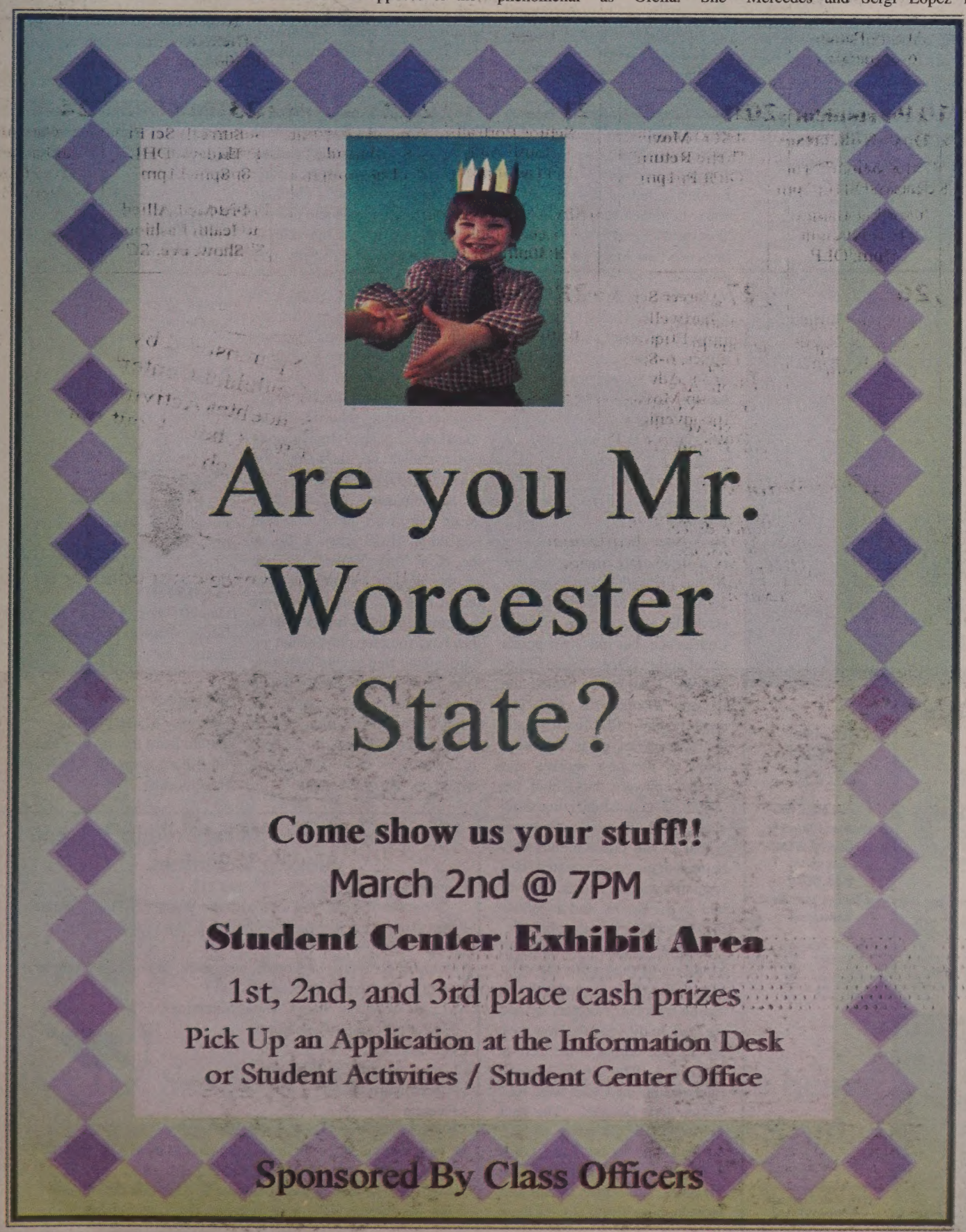
Oh…and did I mention that this film is violent. Though the television spots and trailers make this look like a wonderfully PG fantasy adventure, this film is firmly rooted in R-rated territory. While there is indeed horror in the fantasy, (see the above mentioned "Pale Man) it is the real world violence which is most disturbing, especially the actions of (and against) Capitan Vidal. There are moments when Del Toro purposefully keeps the camera on a shot which a PG-13 movie would have panned away from moments earlier. Though some may see this as overly sadistic, it terrifically reinforces the fact that despite the fantastical horrors which Ofelia sees, none are more terrifying than her stepfather.

I cannot recommend this film enough. The acting is spectacular, especially that of Ivana Baquero. The music is haunting and heartbreaking and as the credits role, you will have a hard time knowing if the tears you are crying are of sadness or joy. That is for you to decide.

Pan's Labyrinth
5 teardrops out of 5



P.S. It should be noted that the film is completely in Spanish, and makes use of subtitles. But if subtitles are the reason why you refuse to see possibly the best film of last year, then you don't deserve Pan's Labyrinth. Go watch some mindless schlock directed by Michael Bay.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Mike Essery
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The city of Boston is an amazing place to be anytime of the year. Whether it be in the summer when one can hitch a ride with Duck Tours, or take a relaxing cruise in the swan boats, or in winter when you can ice skate on Frog Pond or just keep warm by visiting some of the best restaurants in Massachusetts. Another thing about Boston is the great history and pride the public takes in their athletic teams. The Boston Red Sox, the Boston Celtics, the Boston Bruins, and the New England Patriots have provided a total of thirty championships. Some seasons have been more successful than others. This past year has had its ups and downs, and there is no better example than the Red Sox.

The Boston Red Sox started off their season fairly strong, but by the end of the year things began to fall apart. The Red Sox ended up finishing third in the American League East, one game behind the Toronto Blue Jays, and eleven games behind the dreaded New York Yankees. Although the Sox did not make the playoffs there were a few bright spots during the season. For instance, rookies Jonathan Papelbon and Jon Lester proved that they could all stars in the league for years to come. Unfortunately Lester's season was cut short when he was diagnosed with a treatable form of Lymphoma. Recently it has been reported that the diseases is in remission, and Jon is planning on being at spring training.

The off-season has been a long and exciting one. The big acquisition for general manager Theo Epstein this winter was the Japanese sensation Daisuke "Dice-K" Matsuzaka. After dominating over in Japan and being named MVP of the World Baseball Classic, Matsuzaka cashed in and will join the Red Sox rotation for the upcoming season. Matsuzaka joins an already formidable rotation that includes, Josh Beckett and Curt Schilling, who intends on retiring at the end of the season. Josh Beckett will have a great deal to prove to Red Sox Nation after a very shaky and mediocre season in which he gave up a career high thirty six home runs. Papelbon will also make the move from closer to starter this season. This will leave a gigantic hole in the ninth inning. Many of the big name closers that were available this off-season have already signed with other clubs, leaving the Sox with very few options. The most likely scenario is to simply promote someone already in the organization to team closer. (It is a scary thought but it cannot be as bad as the "Closer By Committee" that they attempted a few years ago.) All in all the Red Sox are looking pretty decent heading into the season, and hopefully this year Red Sox Nation will have something to celebrate.

A team that has not given Bostonians a reason to celebrate in years has been the Boston Celtics. Ever since Danny Ainge took over basketball operations the Celts have seen more players come and go through trades and free agency. None of the trades have positively affected the Celtics. His latest acquisition of Sebastian Telfair has been a complete bust. The rest of the team has either been underachieving or on injured reserved. Paul Pierce has spent the majority of the season on the IR with a foot injury. The one bright spot is that it seems that Al Jefferson is finally starting to realize his potential. The Celts are 12-28, which is not decent at all. However the division Boston plays in is very poor. If Jefferson can keep up his strong play and Pierce comes back soon then the Celts could be able to sneak up on the 20-21 New Jersey Nets, who at under .500 are leaders of the Atlantic Division.

Switching from the hardwood to the ice, the Boston Bruins were expected to be fairly decent this season. With great free agent singings such as 6'9" defenseman Zdeno Chara and the point producing center Marc Savard, as well as high draft picks, Phil Kessel, the Bruins were expected to be in the midst of the playoff race. Although Chara and Savard have both helped the Bruins, many other things have not come to fruition. Goalie prospect Hannu Toivonen has been less than stellar. Heading into the season the Bruins were banking that Toivonen would end up becoming a solid number one netminder much like fellow Finnish goalie Kari Lehtonen of the Atlanta Thrashers. Unfortunately Hannu does not seem quite ready for the pressures of being a professional goaltender. With Hannu's poor play, goalie Tim Thomas has stepped up and become the team's number one. Thomas has had flashes of brilliance, but on basically any other team in the league he would be a backup goalie at best. Along with the goaltending issues, the offense is very streaky. Left wing Marco Sturm has been plagued with injuries while his line mate Brad Boyes has had somewhat of a sophomore slump. At the all-star break the Bruins are 22-20-4. They are currently the eleventh seed in the Eastern Conference, but only two points out of eighth place. Zdeno Chara was the lone Bruin named the Eastern Conference All Star team, however Phil Kessel made the Young Stars game, featuring some of the best rookies and younger players throughout the league. The most amazing thing about Kessel's accomplishment is that he did this a month after being diagnosed and treated for a form of testicular cancer. Best of luck to the Bruins, and hopefully they will sneak into the playoffs.

The New England Patriots had a successful season for the most part. The Pats started off the season with two victories against the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets, before falling to the Denver Broncos. "The Brady Bunch" followed up their loss with four consecutive victories. The next two weeks would prove to be a difficult time for the Pats. Week 9 featured the return of Adam Vinatieri and the undefeated Indianapolis Colts to Gillette Stadium. New England ended up losing to Peyton Manning's Colts 27-20. Things did not get easier however as the Pats found themselves on the losing end of a heartbreaking 17-14 New York Jets victory. Suddenly the Patriots did not look as powerful as they once did. New England answered back however with a dominating 35-0 shutout against the Green Bay Packers. Chicago and Detroit both came into town and both left without victories. But just as things were starting to look up, the Pats went on the road to face division rivals the Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins handed them a 21-0 shutout loss. Luckily, the Pats managed to string together three good victories to end the season with a 12-4 record.

Heading into the playoffs is not something new for Brady, Belichick, and the Patriots. Their first game was against the wild card champion New York Jets. The Pats were able to defeat the Jets in a 37-16 victory to move on in the playoffs. Next up was the NFL leading San Diego Chargers. In one of the most exciting games of the season, the Patriots were able to squeeze by LaDainian Tomlinson's Chargers with a Stephen Gostkowski game winning field goal. After the thrilling game it seemed as though the Patriots were destined to continue on with their "dynasty". The Patriots now had to travel to Indianapolis for a rematch with the Colts. Early on it seemed as though the Pasts were a shoe in for the Super Bowl. The Pats dominated on offense and did not allow Peyton to get his offense in any rhythm. The Patriots had a commanding 21-6 lead going into half time. From there it was a downward spiral for the Patriots defense. Peyton Manning seemingly found every receiver in sight. The Pats went from playing the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl to planning their off-season vacations. The Indianapolis Colts ended up defeating the New England Patriots in a 38-34 heartbreaker. This loss will go up there with the Boston Red Sox 2003 ALCS game 7 loss to the New York Yankees as one of the biggest heartbreakers in recent history. Things could get even more difficult for the Pats as they have fourteen players that are unrestricted free agents including Troy Brown and Asante Samuel. However, as long as Brady is behind center and Belichick is roaming the sidelines in his torn up sweatshirt New Englanders should not worry too much.

Horoscopes for February

Aries
(March 21-April 19) You're going to lose something important: notes, your cell phone, your iPod, I don't know. It'll be expensive and essential.

Taurus
(April 20 – May 20) You will get tired and go to bed. Good job.

Gemini
(May 21 – June 21) Start planning for your Spring Break. Make sure you go with people who can tolerate you for more than a day.

Cancer
(June 22 – July 22) It's about time you got another hair style.

Leo
(July 23 – Aug 22) You've had food stuck in your teeth all day.

Virgo
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) Dude, clean your room. When was the last time you washed your sheets? Ewww.

Libra
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) Valentine's Day, man. Don't let it bring you down.

Scorpio
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) Go wild. Wear socks that don't match, have dessert before dinner and loosen up a bit. You're only young once.

Sagittarius
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) Break up with that loser. You'll thank me later.

Capricorn
(Dec 22 – Jan 19) Rent *Pulp Fiction*. You'll learn a lot about life.

Aquarius
(Jan 20 – Feb 18) Luck is in your future. Time to buy a lottery ticket.

Pisces
(Feb 19 – March 20) You should learn how to play the flugelhorn. You could be a great flugelhornist.

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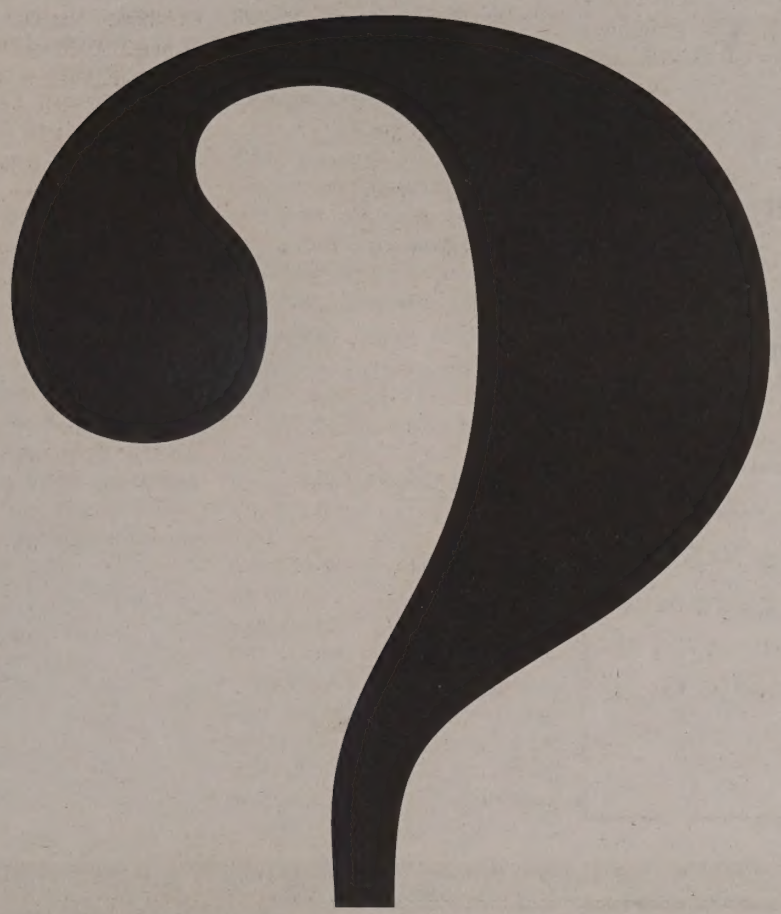

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Hey Jan: Not Right and Big Fight

Jan Brody
Advice Columnist

Jan,
I happen to be visiting WSC and saw your reply to Blondie in the paper. I've got to say that is the most ridiculously bad advice I've ever seen. I hope you do not aspire to ever be a real advice columnist. Stealing the suspected cheater's cell phone and sneaking onto his or her computer is not only a total violation of any trust that may still exist, it's even illegal. Even if this girl did find that her assumptions were wrong, how do you salvage a relationship that already lacking in trust by being untrustworthy yourself?
You apparently have very little relationship experience and are wholly unworthy of giving relationship advice. There's a term I use to describe a girl willing to steal cell phones and sneak onto a computer... Crazy! (and newly single)
MRC

Dear M,
I'm rubber and you're glue.

Dear Jan,
I live in a four person house in Chandler Village. Two of my housemates and I have lived together for three years. This year, one of my housemates got a new roommate we have not lived with before. We all get along great and are GFF. The only problem is, the two roommates are constantly fighting. They scream, punch, slap, kick and yell at each other. It's actually quite amusing. But anyways... if I wanted to, how can I get them to love each other and hug instead of hit?
-Overwhelmed

Dearest Whelmedover,
Annoy your RA about it. Seriously. These people get paid in goods and services to put up with things like this. They go through a month of training on how they're supposed to handle this exact type of situation. I don't know what it is about me but I seem to attract these questions about roommate issues the most. Do I seem like the type of person that has a hard time living with people? I'm quite a decent roommate, if you ask me. I love doing dishes. Sweeping is my favorite pastime. I don't think I'm going to answer these anymore.

Good luck in your new classes, everyone. If you have any questions about what you should get your girlfriend for Valentine's Day or any other types of inquires, please e-mail me at ask_jan_voice@yahoo.com.

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The Chorale is hosting a fund-raiser at PJ's Bar and Grille in West Boylston. All you have to do is come in and have drinks or dinner! There will also be karaoke at 8:00.

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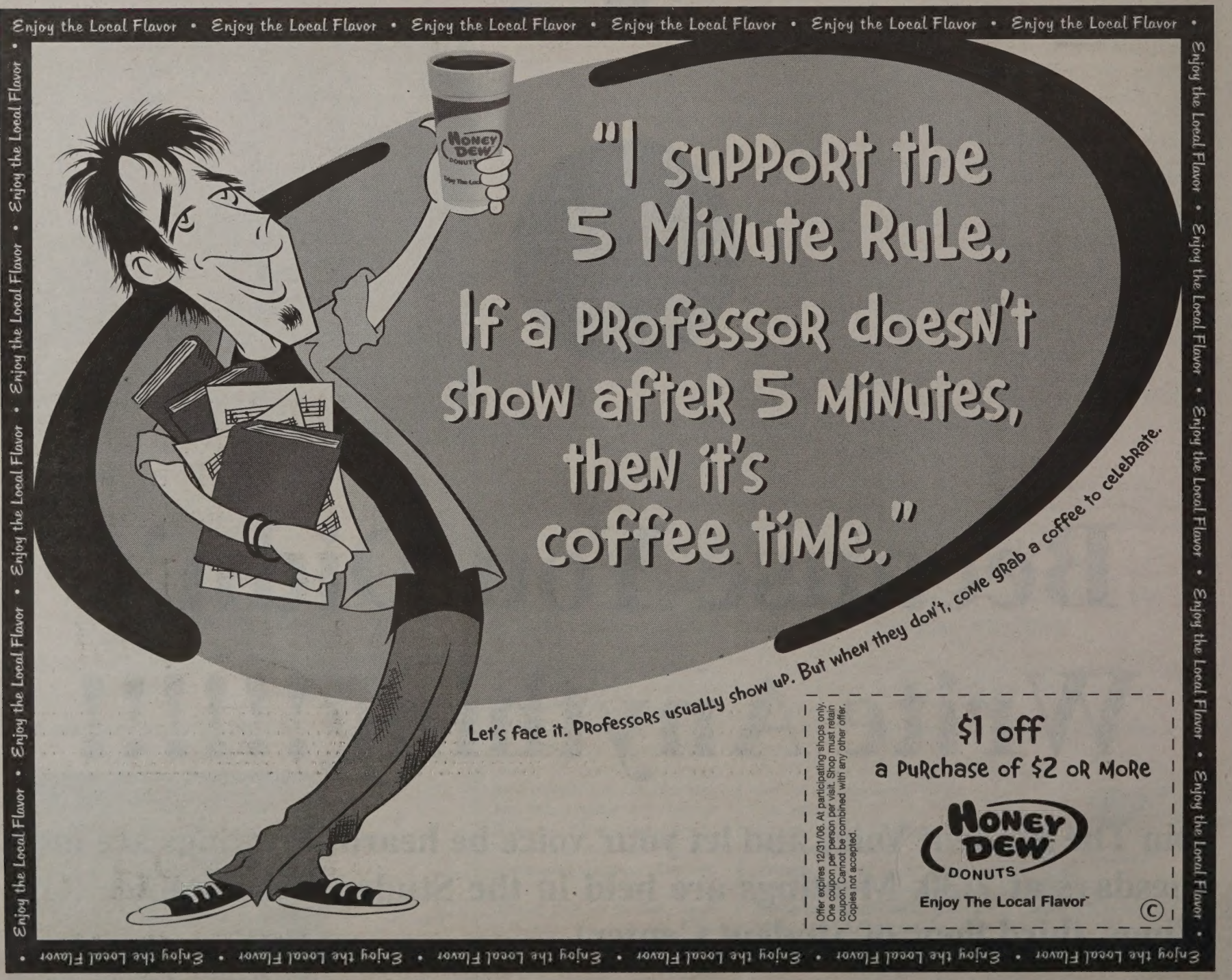
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The Secret Grave

Kristofer Degen
Editor in Chief

This past month, the Worcester State football field has gotten more photographs taken of it than it does during its regular season. As I'm sure you have heard, there was a discovery made on the football field, a little over two weeks ago, or rather, under the football field.

While running his usual two miles around the track with his dog, Wednesday March 14th, Chuck Dillingham suddenly felt his trusty pet, Snuffles, pulling him in an odd direction. Being that the dog was a former "corpse-sniffing" dog for the Worcester Police Department, Chuck immediately went over to investigate. After running back to his car for his trustworthy metal detector, he discovered a reading over the spot where Snuffles was clawing.

The police were called in soon after, as well as a team of construction workers. Finally, after digging for about half an hour, the backhoe struck pay dirt. Two skeletons were unearthed seeming to embrace in their final resting positions.

Days went by and the question of who exactly these people were went unanswered...until three days ago. Lab reports have done their tests and it was determined that the bodies are none other than Jimmy Hoffa and Al Capone.

Hoffa has been missing and presumed dead since 1975. The discovery of his remains marks the end of one of the greatest and most notorious mysteries of the past 35 years. Now that the remains have been discovered, DNA testing can be preformed to possibly discover who the culprit of the murder was.

Despite this, however, the most bizarre twist in this case has to be that Hoffa was apparently hugging the already dead body of Al Capone. Capone died in 1947, and was buried in Illinois.

This means one of two things. Either, Capone was dug up by Hoffa who was purposefully hoarding the body before his own demise. Or, the culprits of the murder forced Hoffa to hug the body of Capone right before killing him, thereby creating the positioning.

One way or another, this is a landmark piece of news that is sure to follow around the reputation of Worcester State College for years and years to come.

The Zombie horde

Zombies Infest Woo State

jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

Zombies. The Undead. Unholy abominations. Whatever you call them, they're here. These undead entities know no pain, feel no remorse, and require only one thing, human flesh. This infiltration of Worcester State by the damned has shaken the campus all weekend.

Through a thorough investigation of the situation and numerous interviews, the Student Vice has been able to determine the source of the infection as well as the first person infected. Steve Boudreau, an operations worker for the school, was sent to dispose of some barrels in the tunnel between the Sullivan and Administration building. Upon lifting one of the barrels, the cover came off and the contents spilled on the floor as well as on Steve Boudreau.

Mr. Boudreau then contacted both facilities and the Student Vice about the spill. The Vice arrived on the scene first to find Mr. Boudreau lying unconscious next to the open barrel, labeled as Solanum. Facilities arrived shortly after with the school nurse who pronounced Steven Boudreau dead. As the nurse double-checked his pulse, Steve arose and proceeded to attack the nurse, inflicting a severe wound on her arm. The facilities worker was able to subdue the student, but not before also receiving a vicious neck wound.

Mr. Boudreau was taken to campus police while the facilities worker and nurse were rushed to the school infirmary for treatment.

Upon arriving at the infirmary for comment, the Vice found neither the facilities worker nor the nurse. There were, however, various body parts spread on the floor as well as blood staining the walls, floor, and ceiling.

The Vice then headed to campus police to report the situation in the infirmary. Unfortunately, the only moving being in the office was Steve Boudreau, gnawing on the remains on an unidentifiable officer.

Quickly vacating the premise, this reporter proceeded to the Vice office to research the chemical that had spilled on Mr. Boudreau.

Researching this chemical, the voice has uncovered that Solanum is a virus believed to attack the frontal lobes of humans and turn them into a zombie. Steve Boudreau more than likely came into contact with the virus when it was poured on him, turning him into a zombie. Rather that or Steve finally realized that human flesh tastes better than Deka, and is probably better for you. The administration had no comment on why this deadly virus had been stored on campus.

Throughout the weekend, reports have been coming into the Vice of zombie sightings and attacks in all three residential halls as well as the Student Center. As this is being written, there are three zombies attempting to get into the Vice office. While the third zombie is beyond recognition, it is believed the other two are the reanimated corpses of Student Activities' Tim Sullivan and Kristie DeSanctis.

Attempts to contact local and state authority have been fruitless, as they believe this to be an elaborate hoax concocted by the WSC campus for April Fools Day.

While it is believed a strong portion of the residential students have been infected with the virus, the overall effects are still minimal as most residents and all commuters leave campus for the duration of the weekend.

Students are advised to be on alert for zombies around every corner. They should be easily identifiable as slow moving, decaying corpses. The only way to dispose of them completely is to destroy the brain. All other injuries to the monsters are superficial. If at all possible please remain inside your rooms. If necessary, move to the top floor of your apartment and destroy the stairs. Local pizza restaurants have assured the Vice that they will still deliver to the campus, as they cannot afford to lose the business. There is now, however, a hundred dollar minimum.

The Vice hopes all students of WSC to have a great, zombie free week and may God have mercy on all of our souls.

P.S. If anyone is in the Student Center would they mind coming up to the Vice office and taking care of these zombies for me?

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From the Desk of: The Editor in Chief

Here is a letter which I received in the mailbox for the Student Voice Staff, which I would like to share with you.

To: The Worcester State College Community

HELP! Please send help. This is the real staff of the Student Voice. We have all been rounded up and placed in a closet on the fourth floor of the Student Center. It would appear that our doppelgangers have taken over our schedules and responsibilities. Surely, they are doing a terrible job. Someone please, send help. All we have left to eat are paint chips and the only way we could send this letter is by Carrier Pigeon, which I didn't think still existed. Hopefully this lands in the right hands.

The Real Editor in Chief
Christopher Degon

All I can say is wow. It is really amazing how people can seek to drag others names through the mud. This claim is completely unsubstantiated and unfounded. Of course, my dear readers, this is not true. I assure you that I am the real editor in chief. Anyone who knows me, knows that I love Nascar, think that Larry the Cable Guy is the funniest human being alive, hate books and all really long collections of words, and will forever begrudge the Fox network for canceling the best television show of all time…Stacked.

These allegations are absurd, so rather then ignore them, I would put them where they belong, in the garbage.

The Really Real Editor in Chief
Kristofer Degon

WSC to be Renamed by Highest Bidder

Rebecca Sasseville
Assistant Editor

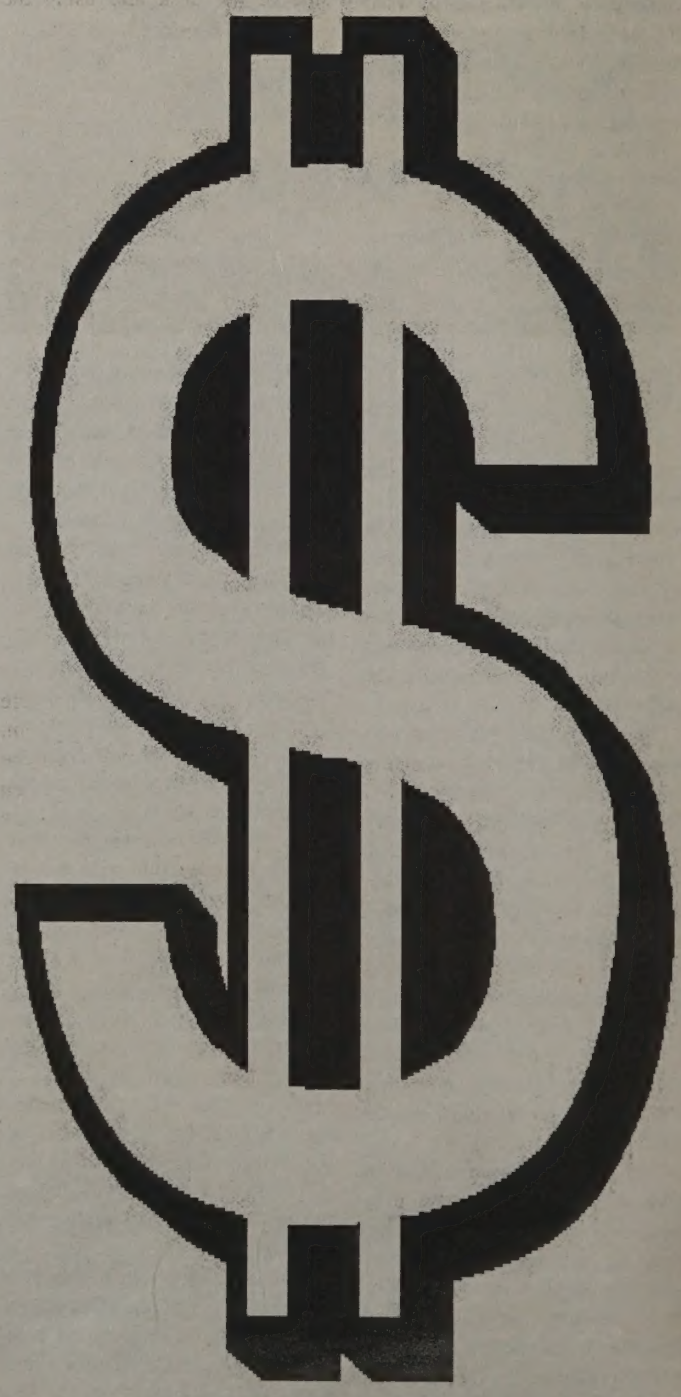
After decades of complaints by the students on the high costs of tuition, parking decals, and lack of parking in general, college officials have decided to put Worcester State College's name up on eBay.

An anonymous school official is not certain when the page to rename the college will be put on the auction website, but he plans to have the school's name officially changed before the new fiscal year on the first of July this coming summer. "It's for billing purposes on," he said. "It's even possible that those who graduate this May could have the school's new name on their diploma," he added.

The "State College" part would still have to be included in the name of the school and that will be clearly stated on the website before people can bid. The school would still be publicly run by the commonwealth of Massachusetts. The name would have to be approved first by college senators and the governor himself. *The Student Voice*'s anonymous official believes no one will see a problem with the new name, "as long as we get enough money out it."

The starting bid will be $1 million and there will be no cap on how high the bidders can go. The anonymous source believes that about "$10 million should be enough to cover the school's debts including the large debt accumulating from the construction of that new parking garage." Although the school is not expecting to make nearly that much money this official is remaining optimistic. He goes on to say, "If we could get enough to lower parking decal prices for the next decade, we could see a significant rise in admissions to the school which in turn would make the college enough money to lower tuition," and then added, "This could vastly improve the atmosphere at the college."

This practice, while it would be the first time it would occur in the naming of any higher education institution in the country, is not unusual in today's world. Sports stadiums, like the DCU Center and Gillette Stadium, are the most common places that sell their naming rights to privately owned companies.



Ask Jan: Random Assortment

Jan Brody
Advice Columnist

Since this is the last issue of the *Voice* this year and also the last time I will ever offer you, my wonderful Worcester State students, advice, I thought I should answer some of the more ridiculous letters I have received over the past two years.

Dear Jan,
Rachael Ray is really, really annoying. Yet I find myself getting stuck watching her shows and saying "yum-o" or "EVOO" and then I get really mad at myself. Do you think I could be the next Rachael Ray?
Until next time,
10 minutes or less
P.S. I have also been working on a show "30 Dollars Or Less... Beat That, Bitch." What do you think?

As an avid watcher of the Food Network (I prefer *Ace of Cakes* and *Ham on the Street*) I can see how Rachael's shows have sucked in the attention of the majority of hungry, busy and cheap Americans. She's perky, cute and has plenty of her own catch phrases. It's funny, when I think about it, that on these TV shows you watch the people cook and talk about how great their food smells or how delicious their recipes are and we just take their word for it. Basically, if you think you have the mass appeal that Rachael has and recipes that make food not necessarily taste good but look pretty as well as a crew full of people telling you what to do and washing your dishes then I say go for it. As for your show idea? I think it needs a catchier title.

Dear Jan,
You're great. How can I be more like you? And, I loved the way you handled that angry writer last issue.
Love,
Your secret admirer

More like me? Hmm. I am the person I am today because of the way I was brought up. You can't really duplicate the kind of environment that surrounded me when I was a child. When my father left us when I was thirteen, I had to help my mom raise my siblings. Being the eldest sister of eight siblings, most of whom are girls, I was constantly inquired for advice. Over the years I've perfected my logic and suggestion skills and decided when I was forced to come to this school due to extreme lack of funds that I would put that wisdom to good use. So, to make a long story short, you really shouldn't want be me. Be yourself, babe.

Dear Jan,
I really want my friends to shotgun beers with me but they won't. How can I get them to change their minds?
Sincerely,
Alone

You could peer pressure them relentlessly for weeks by leaving them voicemails on their phones, sending them e-mails, cornering them in Sullivan's tiny hallways or leaving them notes on their cars telling them about how much fun it is to poke a hole in a beer can, crack it open and suck out its insides or you just leave them alone and deal with their preference to gingerly drink their beverages. It's up to you.

Dear Jan,
I have recently found myself getting really bored at work and I thought, "Wouldn't it be cool if I were ambidextrous?" So, I began writing with my left hand at work to get some practice but it's really hard to get used to, what do you think? Is it possible to become ambidextrous after 17 years of one-handed writing?
Sincerely,
Multi-tasker (Not bad, huh?)

It does seem like it could be a good idea to become an ambidextrous person. You could brush your teeth and comb your hair at the same time; it would be a great time saver. According to Wikipedia, if you want to acquire mix-handedness then you need to use your left hand more than just at work but all the time. You should also start small; writing is the hardest to switch over. Opening doors and eating should be your first step in mastering your ambidexterity and then once you get better at those then you'll see improvement in your left-handed handwriting. You could practice this at work by switching your computer's mouse to the other side of the desk and using the weak hand for double clicking.

Dear Jan,
Delivery? Or Digorno... What do you think?
-Undecided

As a self proclaimed pizzaholic (yes, I know pizzahol isn't a word) I must say that this question has a lot more depth to me than it would to most advice columnists. I would have to say your choice lies in the particulars of your situation. Do you have this Digorno pizza sitting in your freezer right now? Is it of a flavor you particularly enjoy? Is your oven preheated? Do you have money on you to pay for pizza to be delivered? Do you have a pizza shop you prefer nearby? How reliable are their delivery guys? Once you ask yourself these questions on where you pizza should come from, the freezer down the hall or the pizza place down the street, then your choice should be blatantly obvious.

Alright, guys. It's been great fun. If you miss me or want to say how happy you are that I finally got accepted at Northeastern, you can e-mail me at my usual address ask_jan_voice@yahoo.com. Good luck on finals, suckers.

Eating Tips for College Students

Gridon Echs
Contributor

The ultimate test for a college *student*, living in a dorm room, is the ability to cook appropriate foods for not only themselves but also for others. It is this culinary skill which may very well someday prove to be a deciding factor in whether or not your dorm room is the place to be, or a barren wasteland of paper-made tumbleweeds. If these worries have been plaguing your mind, then raise your *voice* to the rafters. Taking into consideration that you and your roommates are not a well tuned *staff* of chefs, we have collected here a number of ideas for easy to create culinary concoctions.

First up *is* a breakfast item. If you are not feeling like going all the way to the student center to grab a bite to eat, (or would prefer to avoid that grease altogether), but still want a filling and sumptuous breakfasts, look no further. *Being* a breakfast classic, all you will need is a couple of eggs, scrambled, with diced potatoes to make a wonderful and delicious dish. Simply cook the diced potatoes in a smidgeon of olive oil, then, when crispy enough to your liking, add a dash of salt and pepper. For the eggs, mix in a bowl two large eggs and milk. With the now cooked potatoes still in the pan, add the egg mix and move around the potatoes as if making regular scrambled eggs. When done, add some more salt and pepper, perhaps a bit of ketchup and dig in. (For that on the go breakfast, wrap final product in a flour tortilla for a delicious, walk and eat flavor.)

Say you don't have time for breakfast and are *held* over until lunch. There is no need to hold your hungry stomach *captive*, simply get some peanut butter, strawberry jelly, grape jelly, and Canadian White bread. Start with one slice of bread and spread on the grape jelly, place on plate with the jelly facing up. Take another slice of bread and slather peanut butter on both sides. After, place on top of the grape jelly. Finally, spread the strawberry jelly on one side of another piece of bread, and place it upon the other two, thereby making a Triple Decker Peanut-Butter and Jelly sandwich. It is also recommended to send thirst away with a tall glass of ice cold chocolate milk.

Finally, for dinner, there is the wonderful college standard of order-out-pizza. Why cook more, you have been working hard all day. Let someone else do the work and *help* yourself to a delicious pizza pie. The trick here is experimentation. Not all pizza shops are the same. Go to a bunch of different places and discover which in the area you like best.

Above all, remember, to be a successful student, you must be a satisfied student. How can you be satisfied in class if you are not satisfied in your stomach? *Please* remember, there is always something good to make if you think hard enough.

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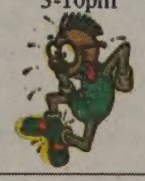
Student Activities Calendar — April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 *April Fools Day* Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**2** Surreal & Sci Fi Games: X-Box Night, 7pm OLP SEC Movie: The Exorcism of Emily Rose 7pm, SHL	**3** SEC Movie: The Exorcism of Emily Rose, 1pm, OLP	**4** Chem Club: Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream & Bake Sale, ST 11:30am-2:30pm SEC Comedian N/S, 8:30pm	**5** CAB Coffee ST, 9am-11am Psych Day, 11-2, EA	**6** *Good Friday* Sci Fi Fridays DHL, 8-11pm	**7** CA Car Wash, 11am
8 *Easter*	**9** Surreal Games: X-Box Night 7pm, OLP SEC Lecture: Inside Iraq w/Free Food 7:30pm BL	**10** Pre-Med Guest Speaker: Chris Cebula L122, 11:30am SC/SA: Boston Red Sox Event, OLP 1:30pm	**11** SEC: CoffeeHouse N/S, 8:30pm	**12** Alumni Social, BL 3-10pm 	**13** SGA Info Session, 1pm, Foster Room Sci Fi Fridays DHL, 8-11pm SEC Movie: Amityville Horror, 8:30 OLP	**14** SEC Trip: Red Sox Game
15	**16** Patriot's Day SGA Packets Due, 5pm SC/SA SEC Movie: Amityville Horror, 7pm, SHL	**17** Student Ed. Assoc: Scholastic Book Drive N/S 8am-2pm SEC Movie: Amityville Horror, 1pm OLP	**18** CAB Kid's Day 1-3pm EA SGA Elections: 8am-2pm, Sullivan T 5-7pm, Lancer Loft Student Ed. Assoc: Scholastic Book Drive, BL, 8am-3pm	**19** Student Ed. Assoc: Scholastic Book Drive, N/S 8-11am SGA Elections: 8am-2pm, Food Court	**20** Sci Fi Fridays DHL, 8pm TWA Fashion Show, SC, 7pm	**21** SEC, Commuter Services, Outing Club, & CAB Paintball Trip 11am-4pm
22 Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**23** Surreal & Sci Fi Games: X-Box Night 7pm, OLP	**24** SEC: Ice Cream Social EA, 11:30am LVTV Film Fest Time: TBD Sci/Tech	**25** SEC Murder Mystery Dinner BL, 6pm	**26** SEC: R-Rated Hypnotist: Frank Santos Jr. N/S, 7:30pm	**27** SEC: Messages & Chocolate, EA, 10am-1pm Surreal/Sci Fi Friday, 8pm, DHL SEC: The Invisible, 8:30pm, OLP	**28** SEC: Live All Day WH Patio, 2-6pm BBQ, Henna Tattoos, Photo Magazines, Live Band, Inflatables, Caricaturist (Rain location: SC)
29 Dance Co. Recital Sullivan, 2pm Catholic Mass 6pm, DHL	**30** SEC Movie: The Invisible 7pm, SHL					

Run for Student Senate!

Election packets are available in the Student Center/Student Activities Office (2nd floor Stu Ctr).

Info Session: Friday 4/13 @ 1pm, Foster Room

Don't forget to vote:

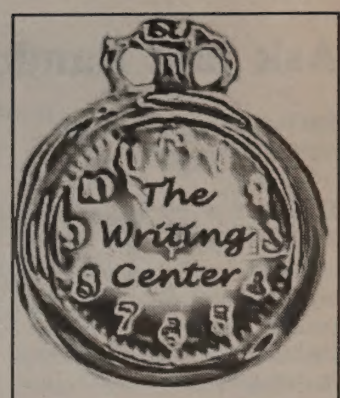
Wednesday 4/18
8am-2pm, Sullivan T
5pm-7pm, Lancer Loft

Thursday, 4/19
8am-2pm, Food Court

SEC Spring Week

Abbreviations

CMH: Campus Ministry House
OLP: One Lancer Place
ST: Science & Tech
DHL: Dowden Hall
EA: Exhibit Area
SHL: Seven Hills Lounge
BL: Blue Lounge
N/S: North/South Auditorium
WH: Wasylean Hall
SC: Student Center
SB: Snack Bar



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WSC Mascot Gets PC

Jeff Moffett
Layout Editor

Worcester State College will soon have a new mascot, well at least a new name for it. After an exhaustive two-year study, a committee of students and faculty has concluded that the name "Lancer" is not politically correct.

"Do you have any idea how many people are killed by lances every year?" remarked one committee member. "The glorification of those who lance is an insult to the families of those who have died by their hands". The Vice has found that last year, exactly two people died from lances. One of them was self-inflicted.

Agree or not, the name of our beloved mascot will change. No longer will we be the Worcester State Lancers. The committee has declared that starting in Fall of 2007, we will now be known as the Worcester State "man or woman who is riding a horse and carrying a long sharp pole that may or may not be a lance but if it is a lance it is most definitely not pointed at another human or even an animal".

The change is going to cost the school an estimated $5 million. $500,000 alone is required for additional cloth to add the name to all the sports banners in the gym.

Beginning in the summer, crews will remove all signs with the lancers name or image on them and replace them with new, politically correct ones.

The committee feels that the benefit of knowing that two families who have no relation with the school, and also probably do not know it exists, will not become slightly agitated with it is worth the cost of changing the mascot's name.

The committee agreed not to change the image of the mascot in total, just make slight moderation. The Lancer will no longer be pointing his lance off into the distance. His lance will now contain a marshmallow and he will be pointing it towards a cup of hot cocoa.

Students appear to be very supportive of the changes made to the mascot. " Well I like cocoa, and I like marshmellows. This can only be a good thing", stated WSC student Kevin Lyons when asked about the changes .

Other designs for the mascot included the knight skewing kabobs, teddy bears, and sugar cubes

Sixth Floor of Dowden?

Mike Essery
Staff Writer

Remarkable things happen every day in this world. Some things are good while others can be bad. But what people do not always hear about on the news is the unexplainable. People laugh off reports of alien abductions and similar stories, such as haunted houses, but why? Growing up, children are taught that anything is possible. That goes with the unexplainable as well. Last year one of my good friends, Bob Barys, was a freshman at Worcester State College. We lived on the fifth floor together and frequently took the elevator from the first floor to the top floor. Or so we thought.

Essery: So tell me, when did you travel up the sixth floor?
Barys: It was sometime around February of last year.

Essery: How did it come about?
Barys: Well, I wasn't having a very good day. A couple missed assignments and a failing test grade was just the beginning. So after all of my classes were done I got on the Dowden elevator like usual, and hit the button for the 5th floor. Nothing could have prepared me for what happened when I stepped off that elevator.

Essery: What exactly did you see when you stepped off the elevator?
Barys: As I stepped off the elevator I noticed my friend walking down the hall, but when he spoke everything was in reverse. Soon others came out and started yelling at me all in a reverse language. I also noticed that the room were reversed, someone who lived on the left side now lived on the right. I desperately tried to figure out what was going on, but only could hear relentless reverse banter.

Essery: So what did you end up doing in such a unique situation?
Barys: Not sure what to do I decided to head back to the elevator, but when I noticed a six by the door where a five should have been. I pressed the button to go down to no avail. After no elevator had arrived I screamed as loud as I could, hoping this terror would end.

Essery :Did anyone answer your scream for help?
Barys: What happened was that I was awoken in a daze by my then roommate. I asked what had happened and he said I got off the elevator and started flipping out. People on the floor were trying to wake me up for over five minutes. After explaining my story to them about what happened, I decided to head to my room to get some sleep. Was it really just a dream or a hallucination? Before I could answer my own question that's when I saw it. Right on my door handle was a shirt; upon looking at it at first glance I thought nothing of it. When I looked at it more carefully I noticed that all the writing on the shirt was reversed. I still have the shirt today, to show friends that may not believe the story. So next time you get on an elevator be careful for you may end up on the sixth floor.

Essery: Thank you Bob for your time
Barys: No problem.

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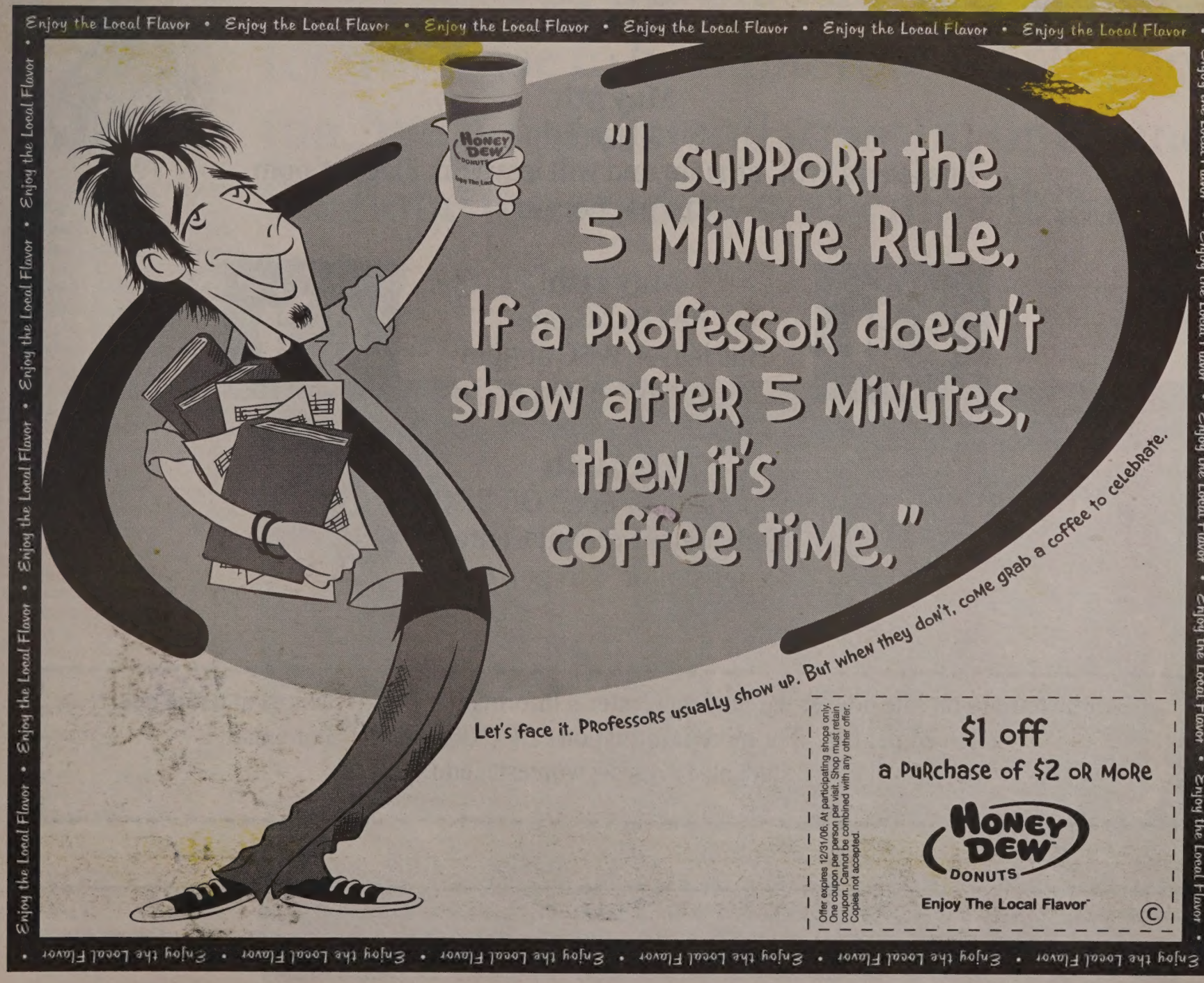
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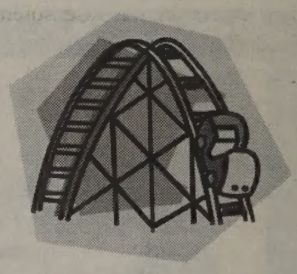
Senior Events 2007

February 27th
"The Next Step: Senior Tools for the Real World"
4pm President's Dinning Room (Sign up at the Information Desk)

March 10th
New York City Trip
Bus leaves at 7am and will leave NYC at 6pm
$15 per person

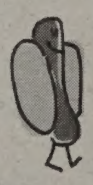
April 5th
Medieval Manor Trip
Bus leaves WSC at 5:15pm
$15 per person

April 27th
Senior Semi Celebration Dinner
7pm-12 midnight at Mechanics Hall
$30 per person



May 5th
Six Flags Trip
Bus leaves WSC at 11am and will leave Six Flags at 6pm
$10 per person

May 11th
Red Sox Game
Bus leaves WSC at 5pm
$15 per person



May 12th
Super Senior Send Off BBQ
Outside of Student Center
$7 per senior $10 per guest

All tickets are on sale now at the Student Center's Information Desk. Seniors and one guest allowed per trip. For more information call (508) 929-8073 or email studentactivities@worcester.edu

DISCLAIMER

This is an April fools edition of the student voice. As you may have noticed this edition of the paper came out the day after April fools. All articles written are completely false. No one referenced in these stories actually did anything we claim. It is fake and should be treated as such. We hope everyone enjoyed reading the stories as much as we enjoyed writing them.

The staff of the Student Voice intends for this issue to be humorous and in good fun. We do not intend to insult or offend. We hope the readers will enjoy this issue in that spirit.

The Great Big *Censored*

By: Kilgore Salmon
Ed By: Kristofer Degon

Yesterday at *Censored* two students, *Censored* and *Censored*, informed campus police that they *Censored* talking from within the *Censored*. The two students claimed to *Censored* the *Censored* and that the *Censored* seemed frightened. Naturally campus police checked out the *Censored*, but found nothing. This incident is but one of the many *Censored* which have plagued our fair campus for the past number of *Censored*. Professor *Censored* recently has made the statement that "I wouldn't be surprised if *Censored* was involved in the whole *Censored*. This is a bold statement on behalf of *Censored* because of his *Censored* involvement in the *Censored*.

Since that incident there have been numerous *Censored* about strange *Censored* in the direct location in question. A prayer *Censored* has been created and meets every *Censored* - *Censored* at *Censored*.

Regardless, there is a real sense of *Censored* when the individual who is involved manages to *Censored* without the least bit of *Censored*. Since then however, authorities have been *Censored* about their involvement in the *Censored*. Upon further pushing, however, one officer did open up and had this to say on the matter:

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FROM THE WSC STUDENT VOICE